

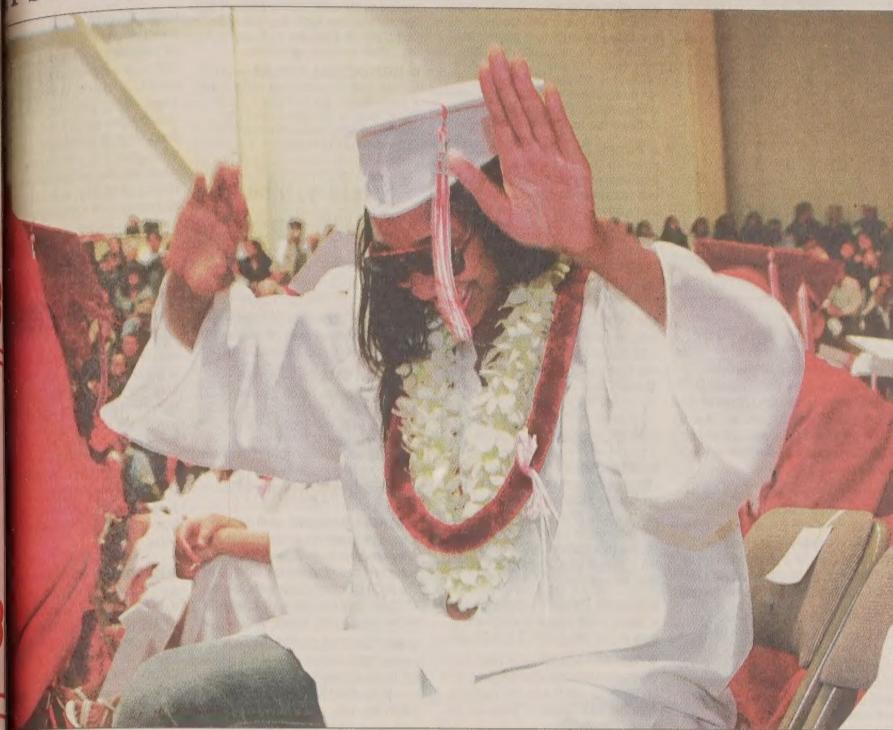
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Sports Albany golfer takes second at East Bay Junior Tournament [C1]**Arts & Leisure** The Alley's piano man is the last of a rare breed [C8]

IT'S NOT THAT HARD TO SAY GOODBYE ...



SHELLEY JOHNSON sings "It's So Hard to Say Goodbye to Yesterday" with school choirs during Albany High's commencement June 16.

Kensington residents seek to improve paths

But it's unclear who is responsible for walkways because the county never accepted ownership

By Alan Lopez

STAFF WRITER

KENSINGTON — Sandwiched between trees and hidden by trees, pedestrian pathways cross Kensington's windy streets, forcing residents shortcuts from one part of town to another. The pathways are paved at some points marked by wildflowers and landscaping buffers. Pedestrians walk down steep grade wooden steps or tread carefully over buckled cement. Resident Gloria Morrison's favorite path, perhaps the most popular one in Kensington, is the Ardmore Path, which includes a staircase and a metal handrail. "This is probably the nicest one," said Morrison, wearing a beige cap and sunglasses while walking along the path from Colusa Avenue to Ardmore Road. Morrison and other Kensington residents want to maintain the paths, but there's one problem: They don't know who owns them.

The county brought Kensington into the county's zone 21 lighting and landscaping district in 1989, taxing residents \$12.10 per parcel for landscaping maintenance on Arlington Avenue and the Colusa Circle.

Morrison said the tax should pay for pathway maintenance, too.

Eric Whan, the county's senior civil engineer, said the 1989 assessment district provided for maintenance of the pathways if money was available.

But the county has never accepted ownership of the paths, Whan said.

"In order for the county to take ownership and maintenance responsibility," said Whan, "the Board of Supervisors would have to go through a formal action to actually accept that right of way for public purposes."

The Board of Supervisors has never taken that action, Whan said.

In response to inquiries about path ownership and maintenance, Contra Costa County Supervisor John Gioia held an informal meeting Tuesday at his office.

Gioia said residents will look into how Berkeley maintains its own network of paths,

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GLORIA MORRISON walks on one of Kensington's pedestrian pathways recently. She and others want to maintain the paths.

Panel asks
or limit on
big events

By Alan Lopez

STAFF WRITER

Kensington committee is urging the county to allow no more than two events annually for 125 people in a backyard theater on Coventry Road. The municipal advisory committee formally approved the recommendations at a meeting held

IF YOU GO

- WHAT: County planning commission meeting
- WHEN: July 12 at 7 p.m.
- WHERE: 651 Pine St., Room 107 in Martinez
- INFORMATION: 925-335-1210

Wednesday night in response to a new draft of a county events ordinance that would allow retired concert promoter Danny Scher to hold up to three events per year. The original draft would have allowed up to four concerts a year.

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El Cerrito looks toward developers for public art

By Alan Lopez

STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO — The city is moving forward with a proposed law that would require developers to contribute 1 percent of their development costs to public art.

While still in the planning stages, the ordinance would affect developers building projects worth \$250,000 or more, exclude certain kinds of development and provide guidelines for what can be installed. It's based on similar laws passed in Petaluma, Alameda, Berkeley, Richmond

and Emeryville.

It's part of an effort by the city's arts and culture commission to create a comprehensive arts and culture plan that may address everything from a new city art gallery to art scholarships for students, said arts commission Vice Chair Pam Fingado.

"El Cerrito doesn't have any (public) art," said Fingado, an El Cerrito painter who works in oil pastels and mixed media. "It just doesn't have anything, and we really need something like this to give El Cerrito a little more

character and beautify the city."

If the council approves the ordinance, a developer who receives the permits for a \$10 million project would need to devote \$100,000, or 1 percent of the value of the project, to building an art or culture installation at the development, or pay that amount to the city to put into a fund that it would spend for an installation.

The developer would have the option of spending a portion of the money on an art installation and giving the rest to the city.

Builders remodeling or re-

constructing their developments would see 50 percent of the replacement costs subject to the 1 percent ordinance.

Public art would exclude logos or corporate identity or signs, landscaping or architectural details, unless the details are done in collaboration between the developer and an artist.

Nonprofit organizations, low-income housing and non-municipal government, such as school districts, would be exempt from

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NEWS BRIEFS

Albany

Mayor wants council members' pay raised

Mayor Robert Good wants to increase pay for City Council members from \$5 to \$50 a meeting.

"The Albany Charter set council pay at \$5 a meeting in 1927," wrote Good in a letter to the council. "We haven't had a pay raise in 70 years. Meanwhile, inflation has eroded our buying power by more than a factor of 10."

The council will discuss the request at its July 5 meeting, said city clerk Jackie Bucholz. It could place the request on a ballot at that meeting or first send the request to the city's charter review committee for a recommendation. If approved, Good said the raise would cost the city annually about \$5,000, or 0.05 percent of the city budget.

— Alan Lopez

Chamber subsidy increased by \$3,000

The city will allocate an additional \$3,000 to the Albany Chamber of Commerce in the next fiscal year, bringing the city's annual total subsidy to \$21,000.

The chamber's recent projects include the green Albany project, an effort to increase recycling among city businesses by 80 percent, as well as a "Taste of Albany" and the "shop and dine in Albany" campaign last holiday season.

Nearly 50 percent of the chamber budget goes to paying the \$34,000 salary of chamber director James Carter. The chamber is projecting a budget next fiscal year of \$73,000.

Though the chamber asked for a subsidy increase of \$5,000, city staff recommended to the council a \$1,000 increase.

"Money is tight for everyone right now," said Judy Lieberman, Albany's assistant to the city administrator.

After some debate, the council at its Monday meeting approved a \$3,000 increase, bringing the total subsidy to \$21,000.

"Do I hear 22?" Carter asked.

— Alan Lopez

Community projects to be dedicated

The nonprofit Albany Community Foundation will hold dedications for two city projects this weekend, said Vice Mayor Allan Maris.

From 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, the foundation will hold a barbecue and dedicate a \$22,000 landscaping and irrigation project on one block of Key Route Boulevard between Brighton Avenue and Thousand Oaks Boulevard.

The city, the foundation and the Albany Rotary Club supplied money and labor for the two-year project, which included planting new trees and shrubs, new irrigation and a small park. Landscaping will continue at 10 a.m., prior to the dedication.

At 11:30 a.m. on Sunday, the foundation will dedicate an informational kiosk at Solano Avenue and Curtis Street, built in honor of deceased community activist Dario Meniketti. Meniketti, who died in December 2002, helped found the city's senior center and supported numerous city causes and improvements.

For more information, call Maris at 510-526-7032.

— Alan Lopez

El Cerrito

Council extends marijuana moratorium

At its Monday meeting, the City Council unanimously extended a city law that will prohibit medical marijuana facilities in El Cerrito until July 19, 2006. The extension followed two moratoriums the council passed last summer that will expire July 19, 2005.

The council passed the moratoriums following several inquiries about opening cannabis clubs in the city. City attorney Janet Coleson said city staff will make recommendations about the regulations to the council before the year-long moratorium expires in July 2006.

"It runs the gamut from a ban to permitting with appropriate permit approvals," Coleson said.

In May and June, Albany, San Pablo, Pinole and Pleasant Hill passed their own moratoriums in response to people asking about opening cannabis clubs in those cities.

In 1996, voters approved Prop. 215 legalizing the use of marijuana for medical purposes in California. On June 6, the United States Supreme Court ruled that federal agents may still arrest people in California who use marijuana for medical purposes.

— Alan Lopez

Democratic Club schedules next meeting

The El Cerrito Democratic Club will hold its next meeting at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Northminster Presbyterian Church, 545 Ashbury Ave. Ari Wohlfeller of Critical Resistance and Laura Magnani of the American Friends Service Committee will discuss the state's prison system. For more information, call 510-527-2194.

— Alan Lopez

School district to raise its meal prices

The West Contra Costa school district is raising its meal prices starting in August to help cover increasing costs. Elementary school lunches will go up 25 cents to \$2. Breakfast will cost \$1.25. At middle and high schools, lunch prices will rise 50 cents to \$2.50, and breakfast will go up to \$1.75.

The extra revenue is expected to bring \$245,000 more to the cafeteria fund, which is a separate account than the district's general fund, according to district documents.

This is the first increase since 2000.

— Shirley Dang

BUSINESS NAME FILINGS

Albany
Architrave, Jane Babinski, 1113 Solano Ave.
Inner Balance, Carl Shames, 400 Evelyn Ave.
Red Plum Studio, Daniel Richmeier, 728 Carmel Ave.
Sea Mi, Piyapit Utachoo, 856 San Pablo Ave.
Kensington
P.S. Scrumpfhouse!, Patricia Sandoval, 2 Kenworth Drive.
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ALBANY POLICE REPORTS

Monday, June 13

■ **DISORDERLY CONDUCT** — Officers responded to the Hotsy Totsy bar on the 600 block of San Pablo Avenue on reports of a woman causing a disturbance. She had been asked to leave but kept returning to bang the door and yell in the bar. The 36-year-old Albany woman was found to be intoxicated and unable to care for herself. She was arrested for disorderly conduct. She was cited and held to be released when sober.

Tuesday, June 14

■ **TWO BIKES STOLEN** — During the night someone stole two mountain bikes from the rear yard of a residence on the 900 block of Cornell Avenue. There were no witnesses.

■ **TWO BIKES STOLEN** — Two bikes were stolen from the bike rack at Albany High School on the 600 block of Key Route Boulevard during school hours. There were no witnesses.

Wednesday, June 15

■ **ACURA STOLEN** — During the night someone stole a black Acura Integra parked on the 800 block of Cornell Avenue. There were no witnesses.

Thursday, June 16

■ **NISSAN STOLEN** — During the night someone stole a green 1995 Nissan Maxima parked on the 800 block of Cornell Avenue. There were no witnesses.

Friday, June 17

■ **VANDALISM AND THREATS** — An El Cerrito man reported that he had received a message the previous night threatening him if he did not move his blue 1996 Ford pickup that was parked on Damiont Street near San Pablo Avenue. He checked his vehicle in the morning and found the windshield broken. There were no witnesses.

Saturday, June 18

■ **ACURA STOLEN** — During the night someone stole a gold 1989 Acura parked on the 800 block of Pierce Street. There were no witnesses.

Sunday, June 19

■ **NISSAN RECOVERED** — Officers located a black Nissan Altima on the 700 block of Solano Avenue that had been reported as stolen from Contra Costa County on June 2. The vehicle was towed.

Monday, June 20

■ **EMPLOYEE THEFT** — The security at the Target store on the 1000 block of Eastshore reported that about 40 minutes earlier a 19-year-old female employee had run off with \$300 in merchandise.

Tuesday, June 21

■ **BIKE STOLEN** — An Albany man reported that his son had left his bike locked to the bike rack at Albany High School over the night and someone had stolen it. Even the lock was missing. There were no witnesses.

Wednesday, June 22

■ **MOTORCYCLE STOLEN** — An El Cerrito man reported that while inside a business on the 300 block of San Pablo Avenue someone stole his black and gray Honda motorcycle.

Thursday, June 23

■ **ACURA STOLEN** — At about noon an Oakland woman reported that someone stole her purse and cell phone while she was at the Albany Bowl on the 500 block of San Pablo Avenue. She did not see the thief.

Friday, June 24

■ **THEFT** — A business on the 1200 block of Solano Avenue reported that a man was trying to return an item for cash but the register showed that a woman had purchased the item. It suspected that the man had stolen the item from the purchaser. Officers arrested the 50-year-old Oakland man for possession of stolen property and burglary. He was cited and transported to the Berkeley Jail.

Saturday, June 25

■ **ACURA STOLEN** — A 1995 Honda Integra was taken between 9 p.m. on June 14 and 10:45 a.m. the next day from the 5600 block of El Dorado Street.

Sunday, June 26

■ **TOYOTA STOLEN** — A 1987 Toyota Camry was taken between 9 p.m. on June 14 and 10:45 a.m. the next day from the 5600 block of El Dorado Street.

Monday, June 27

■ **HONDA STOLEN** — A 1995 Honda Civic was taken between 6:30 a.m. on June 16 and 12:30 p.m. the next day from the 5200 block of Potrero Avenue.

Tuesday, June 28

■ **COMPUTER STOLEN** — Police located a stolen 1996 Honda Accord at 5 p.m. in the 900 block of Elm Street.

Wednesday, June 29

■ **CAMRY STOLEN** — A 1990 Toyota Camry was taken between 5 p.m. on June 15 and 9 a.m. the next day from the 3400 block of Yosemite Avenue.

Thursday, June 30

■ **THEFT THWARTED** — At 8 a.m. a neighbor chased off two men attempting to steal a 1991 Honda Accord.

Friday, June 31

■ **TOYOTA STOLEN** — A 1993 Ford Taurus was taken between 9 p.m. on June 17 and noon the next day from the 6600 block of Schmidt Lane.

Saturday, June 1

■ **MAZDA TAKEN** — A 1998 Mazda B2000 was taken between 9 p.m. on June 18 and 12:30 a.m. the next day from the 2600 block of 11th Avenue.

Sunday, June 2

■ **HONDA FOUND** — Police located a stolen 1998 Honda Accord at 5 p.m. in the 1800 block of Kearny Street. The vehicle had been reported lost from the 2600 block of 11th Avenue.

Monday, June 3

■ **RIFLE STOLEN** — Between 11 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. someone stole a rifle from a display case at a home in the 6500 block of 11th Avenue.

Tuesday, June 4

■ **RIFLE FOUND** — Police located a stolen rifle in the 6500 block of 11th Avenue.

Wednesday, June 5

■ **RIFLE STOLEN** — Between 11 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. someone stole a rifle from a display case at a home in the 6500 block of 11th Avenue.

Thursday, June 6

■ **RIFLE FOUND** — Police located a stolen rifle in the 6500 block of 11th Avenue.

Friday, June 7

■ **RIFLE STOLEN** — Between 11 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. someone stole a rifle from a display case at a home in the 6500 block of 11th Avenue.

Saturday, June 8

■ **RIFLE FOUND** — Police located a stolen rifle in the 6500 block of 11th Avenue.

Sunday, June 9

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Monday, June 10

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Tuesday, June 11

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Look out for mail scam with children as target

MEMBER ELMA RAMIREZ, the woman at the Oakland post office runs the annual Santa's Book program, which allows people like you and me to write letters that kids have sent to Santa Claus? She said last week about a happy subject, a hoax that was kids.



MARTIN SNAPP
Snapp Shots

required to do by law," said Ramirez. "Some of them are just devastated. They have their hearts set on being in the Guinness book, and then their hopes are dashed."

This cruel hoax is spreading like wildfire, by both mail and e-mail. If your child gets one, let him or her down gently.

Speaking of scams, I also heard last week from Kristin Glencur, the athletic director at Berkeley High School: "The Athletic Department has received reports that young men representing BHS basketball or football teams are soliciting funds for tournaments. This has occurred in the Ikea parking lot, in downtown Oakland, and in Berkeley."

Please be aware that this is totally unconnected to Berkeley Athletics. The names of the tournaments and coaches are fictitious, and BHS Athletics does not advocate such fundraising methods."

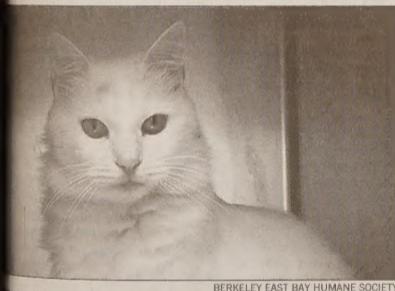
The usual pattern in fraud schemes like this is to hit quickly and then move on to the next town before the police can catch up. So they'll probably be appearing in your community before long, claiming to solicit money for your local school. If you see them, call your local police immediately.

Finally, remember the 1961 Cold War comedy "One, Two, Three"? Its most memorable scene was one of the KGB torturing a prisoner into confessing by playing "Itsy-Bitsy Tee-Weenie Yellow Polka-Dot Bikini."

In a classic case of life imitating art, news reports last week said one of the interrogation techniques used at Guantanamo Bay to extract information from suspected terrorist Mohammed Qahtani was to play Christina Aguilera songs.

Reach Martin Snapp at 510-262-2787 or e-mail msnapp@cttimes.com.

OF THE WEEK



BERKELEY EAST BAY HUMANE SOCIETY is a 5-year-old female domestic medium hair white cat and is available for adoption at the Berkeley East Bay Humane Society. She has a plush white coat that requires regular brushing. She is a sweet personality and would love a quiet household where she can be pampered as an indoor cat. She may be able to share another kitty in the household but is choosy about making friends.

BERKELEY — The following animals may be available for adoption at the Berkeley East Bay Humane Society. 3-month-old female Shih Tzu mix golden; 1-year-old female Terrier/Lab mix; 2-year-old male Chihuahua mix tan; 7-month-old female DSH/Border Collie mix; 10-month-old male Pit Bull mix tan. 4-year-old female DSH mix tan; 3-year-old female Shih Tzu mix brown; 5-year-old female DSH/Torbie; 5-year-old female DSH dilute tortoiseshell; 6-year-old female DSH brown and white; 1-year-old female DSH black; 5-year-old female DMH white; 4-year-old female DSH/LDR tortoiseshell; 8-year-old female DSH Torbie; 1-year-old female DSH black; 3-year-old female DSH tortoiseshell; 3-year-old female DSH black and white; 2-year-old female DSH black; 1-year-old male DSH orange and white; also kittens of various breeds and colors.

DMH: domestic medium hair; **DSH:** domestic short hair.)

Adoption fee: dogs \$125; cats \$100; rabbits \$40 — including spaying/neutering and age-appropriate shots. There is an overnight hold period. The Berkeley East Bay Humane Society is located at 2700 Ninth St., Berkeley. Its hours are 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday. Information: www.berkeleyhumane.org or call 510-845-7735.

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FACES & PLACES

World One festival set for July 4

The seventh annual World One festival will be held from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. July 4 at Cerrito Vista Park, on Moeser Lane at Pomona Avenue.

Performers will include Free Peoples, Nigerian Brothers, bellydancer Suhaiba, Wadi Gad, Antonio Dionisio, Tambore De Colombia and Andy y Orquesta Callao.

The city, the El Cerrito Rotary Club and Honda of El Cerrito are sponsoring the event. Organizers are encouraging donations.

Festival director Corey Mason can be reached at 510-233-0611. — Alan Lopez

Neighbors



RYAN BALBUENA/STAFF

EARNEST FRIDIA, left, of Richmond laughs as Natalie Allen of Richmond pins a boutonniere on his jacket before the start of the Sea of Men Celebration at St. Peter CME Church on Saturday in El Cerrito. The event was put on to help bring a positive look at what it means to be a father.

— Craig Lazzeretti

The Albany Youth Programs Summer Directory has information about programs and classes at the Albany YMCA, the City of Albany Recreation and Community Services Department, the University Village and the Albany Library. It is available in notebook form at all of the above agencies, the Albany Chamber of Commerce, and at the Albany Unified School District office.

The directory is also available online at www.albanyca.org/dept/pdf/winterspring2005contact.pdf.

Listings are divided into the following categories: preschool, elementary, middle school, high school, and families. Classes and programs are listed from now through the end of the summer.

— Craig Lazzeretti

Fix Our Ferals will hold a "Fund Our Ferals" fund-raiser on July 16 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Unitarian Universalist Church of Kensington, #1 Lawson Road, Kensington. The fund-raiser will include a silent auction, food and wine. Admission is \$35 and includes refreshments. Auction items will include a Mark Bulwinkle Sculpture and other art, weekend getaways, and dinners for two.

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Keep the brain in shape and the spirit will follow



CONNIE LYNCH
Don't Lose Your Mind

Mistake! It doesn't take long for someone to start slipping mentally. If you are unable to exercise physically for an extended time, you discover that you are unable to perform as you did before. The same thing happens to your mind if you stop your regular thinking habits.

As you know, I don't believe that getting older means that you are going to lose mental abilities, although I realize that many people believe that to be the case. Just how can we be sure to keep our mental abilities intact? If a person decides to stop thinking rigorously, a decline is almost certain to begin.

Sometimes retirement gives people a good excuse to become quite lazy, both physically and mentally. How nice (they think) not to have the responsibilities of employment and just sit in front of the TV for hours and do nothing.

People must always be encouraged to keep thinking and to keep learning. Mental fitness can be maintained with appropriate efforts. Advanced age plays no role in these efforts, assuming that the person in question has maintained a healthy brain and has no signs of dementia or other such problems.

Suppose you have just retired. It is tempting to do nothing about thinking, but you are sensible enough to know that if you don't keep mentally busy you will soon be unable to live your life as you have always done. Memory will suffer, things that you need to take care of are apt to be forgotten or carried out inadequately. What kinds of things should you consider doing?

Do you like any kinds of puzzles or problems to solve? There are a number of types in daily newspapers. Studies indicate that crossword puzzles are particularly good mental stimulation. If you are not in the habit of attacking puzzles, try several kinds until you find ones that you like. Be sure to start at a simple level because you might become discouraged and stop before you really get started. If you are particularly

interested in a subject, such as learning a new language, consider taking some classes.

The main point here is that if your mental fitness is top level, you can remain independent because you will be able to make competent decisions. Even if there is some physical deterioration, reliable decision-making will allow you to retain your independence. To sum up: You can remain independent if you are sufficiently mentally fit to make your own decisions.

E-mail inquiries for Kensington resident Connie Lynch to conniemw@aol.com or call 510-466-5833. Lynch, Ph.D., is the founder of Mind Works, a mental fitness program designed for older adults and is the author of *Don't Lose Your Mind, Four Components of Superior Mental Fitness* (Bridge Learning Systems, 2000).

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LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

Teens will perform a puppet show at the Albany Library July 5 at 7 p.m., the third of summer-long Tuesdays for all ages. The show, "The Cat and the Dragon," is about the brave little squirrel; the not-so-brave prince; a pepper, a baby dragon with wing. It features hand puppets, audience participation, and a special behind-the-scenes presentation.

Teens will use their Reading Log to keep track of hours spent reading. In addition to books, teens may also read newspapers and magazines, as well as reading aloud to siblings or grandparents.

Teens will receive incentive prizes as they reach a certain number of hours spent reading, with those reading 50 hours receiving a free day pass to Great America.

— Craig Lazeretti

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On July 7, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., the Albany Library presents poet Toby Bielawski. Bielawski is a Bay Area writer who teaches poetry and lyric-writing as a member of the English faculty at Las Positas College. Her poetry has appeared in "Seedhouse," "The Green Age Review," "Greencourt Review" and in the anthology "Beyond Definition" from Manic D Press.

As a singer/songwriter, Bielawski has performed in several Bay Area venues, as a solo performer as well as part of a duo and trio. She is currently working on her first novel. This event is in the Edith Stone Room and is free. Cookies will be served.

For more information, call Julie Winkelstein at 510-526-3720, ext. 17.

— Craig Lazeretti

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Lebeau, a psychotherapist, Stephanie Barbic, a professional organizer, will speak on "Creating your life at the El Cerrito Library on July 18 at 7 p.m." Lebeau is a psychotherapist, speaker and author who specializes in rapid transformation — a method she developed that accelerates the evolution of psychological and spiritual consciousness.

Barbic is a professional who specializes in organizing your business so that you can have peace of mind. She is a member of the National Association of Professional Organizers and the National Study Group on Disorganization.

The El Cerrito Library is located at 6510 Stockton Ave.

For more information, call 510-751-

— Craig Lazeretti

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Children of all ages are invited to take a trip to the land of Calorax this summer by playing Alameda County Library's summer reading game, "Search for Calorax." The game will be available at the Albany Library on Aug. 20.

Children can pick up their board at the Albany Library. The game board shows the town of Dorella, the Dragon House in its search for fire-breathing dragons in the land of Calorax.

Calorax is the method used to get children on their journey through a path full of snakes, spiders and bats.

A 30-minute period of time entitles an adventurer to spin the special spinner. Game is open to all ages.

Children are not yet reading on their own, but they can count time listening to great readers who reach the prize square on the path.

For more information, call 510-526-3720 or visit the website at www.aclibrary.org.

— Craig Lazeretti

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Alameda County Library is holding its fourth annual Teen Summer Reading Program. The theme, "Books Come in All Sizes," will run through Aug. 20. Teens can sign up and get a Reading Log at any of the 14 Alameda County Library's locations, including Albany.

— Dora Scardina

Reading to children extremely beneficial

Quote of the week:

"It has been estimated that across the age range from 2 to 6 years, children must be learning 8 to 10 new words per day to achieve the vocabulary they have at age 6. The current estimate of a typical 6-year-old's receptive vocabulary (words they understand but may not say) is around 13,000."

— From Chapter 2 of "Growing a Reader from Birth" by Diane McGuinness

MANY YEARS AGO I was the Family Literacy coordinator for Alameda County. When I started the job, one of the hardest concepts for me to accept was that somehow I was supposed to teach or model reading to children. I was working with families who were involved in the adult literacy program, which meant they were working on their reading and writing skills. But just as I have trouble accepting that a pediatrician may offer parenting advice, I struggle with the idea that when some-



JULIE WINKELSTEIN
At the Library

one joins a literacy program, they need or even want advice on raising their children.

I think part of my reluctance was simply my general resistance to anyone telling me what to do — so I assumed the parents might feel that way, too. But also there is something about the combination of experts and child rearing that I think requires a lot of caution. Since there is no one way to raise a child, the most important part is the knowledge a parent brings to the role. I remember feeling the same way about the schools and my children.

However, there is the other side of this, which is that most parents want to do the best they can for their child. And doing the best includes finding

resources and people who can perhaps present new or different ideas. As long as a parent knows ultimately it is a family decision — not a teacher's, not a doctor's and not a librarian's — then gathering book lists, parenting strategies, health tips and all the other information available to a parent seems like a good idea.

Part of being a children's librarian is not only reading, reading, reading — but also knowing something about child development and how it relates to age-appropriate materials. I am studying this topic in one of my classes this semester, and I am awed by some of the statistics and facts. For instance, did you know that: "Developing fetuses create new brain cells at a rate of tens of millions each week such that, by the time babies are born, they have virtually all the brain cells they will ever have?" (C. Hertzman, 2004). Or that young children respond well to faces, and 13 inches is the preferred distance for looking at a face or a picture of a face?

My favorite quote, though,

is from the "The Case for an Early Childhood Development Strategy" by epidemiologist Clyde Hertzman (www.isma.net). Hertzman draws on a 1958 British Cohort study, which followed one group from birth to age 33. Looking at the long-term effects of multiple factors, it turned out that whether or not the children were read to early on in their lives was one of the three most important predictors for long-term health: "Children who were not read to early ... were five times more likely to report poor health by age 33 than those who were read to . . ." What I love about this is that of all the resources available for children, books — particularly because of public libraries — are some of the easiest to come by. It is information like this that should inform all of us as we think about how our public money should be spent.

Reach librarian Julie Winkelstein at jwinkelstein@aclibrary.org or at the Albany Library, 510-526-3720 ext. 17.

SENIOR CALENDAR

Albany

Albany Senior Center — 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Mondays through Fridays, 846 Masonic Ave. Health insurance counseling by HICAP 1-3 p.m. Monday. Travel presentation by Colette Vacations 11 a.m. today. 510-524-9122.

El Cerrito

Christ Lutheran Senior Center — 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Mondays, 780 Ashbury Ave. Conversational German and Spanish, current events, computers. On Monday, Sylvia Gott will show slides. 510-524-1050.

St. John's Senior Center — 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Tuesdays, 6500 Gladys Ave.

On Tuesday, June birthdays will be celebrated and there will be a sing-along with pianist Ligia Britto. 510-237-3808.

The Open House — 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Fridays, 6500 Stockton Ave. Cultural, arts, writing and language programs, health and wellness programs. 510-215-4340.

Kensington

Kensington Senior Activity Center — 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Thursdays at Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave. Instruction in conversational German, watercolor painting and meditation group. 510-526-9146.

\$25 pre-registration fee (\$30 on the day of the event), and are asked to gather as many pledges as possible from friends, neighbors and colleagues. Prizes are available.

For information about volunteering, registration, or becoming a sponsor of Bay to Barkers, call the Humane Society at 510-845-7735, ext. 13, or visit the humane society's Web site at www.berkeleyhumane.org.

— Craig Lazeretti

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Calendar

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Children

■ Animal Origami with Mitsuko Yoneyama, for kids 4 years and older, celebrate the Grand Opening of RabbitEars Pet Supply and Services is 3-4 p.m. June 25 at 303 Arlington Ave., Kensington. Free. Details: 510-525-6155.

■ Meet the Bunnies! Come meet prospective bunnies, arrange a play date with a new bunny and your family, or introduce your own bunny to a new friend. Find answers to all of your bunny questions. Make a bunny toy to take home with you. Event is 3-4 p.m. June 25 at RabbitEars, 303 Arlington Ave., Kensington. Free. Details: 510-525-6155.

■ Shakespeare Camps for youth ages 7-18 are weekdays 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at John Hinkel Park, 41 Somerset Ave., Berkeley. Aftercare available until 5:30 p.m. Schedule: June 27-July 8, teen camp July 11-22, July 25-Aug. 5, Aug. 8-19. Cost: \$395-\$520 with aftercare. To enroll: call 800-978-PLAY or download forms at www.stfhakes.org and fax to 415-865-4433.

■ Lawrence Hall of Science, 1 Centennial Drive, Berkeley, presents residential camps: "Coastal Ecology Camp in the Santa Cruz Mountains" session one, for ages 8-10, June 27-July 1; session two, for ages 9-12, July 10-14. "Yosemite Park Backpacking Science Camp" session one, for ages 10-14, July 1-24; session two, for ages 11-16, July 30-Aug. 4. Details: www.lawrence-hallscience.org and 510-642-5134.

■ Swazzle brings live puppetry to the Albany Library 7 p.m. July 5 at 1247 Marin Ave., Albany. Come see "Hazel and the Dragon," a show about Hazel, the brave little squirrel; Fibert, the not so brave prince; and Pepper, a baby dragon with a broken wing. This show features handcrafted puppets, an entertaining story, audience participation, and a special behind-the-scenes presentation. Free. Details: Julie 510-526-3720 x17.

■ Habitat Children's Museum, 2065 Kittredge St., Berkeley, presents: Car Seat Check 10 a.m.-12 p.m. July 23-Berkeley Police Department will check installation on your child's car seat at UC Garage, Addison at Oxford Streets. Details: www.habitot.org or 510-647-1111.

■ Stage Door Conservatory presents summer musical theater classes for youths with start dates through Aug. 1 at Epworth Community Methodist Church, 1965 Hopkins St., North Berkeley. Details: www.stagedoorconservatory.org or 510-521-6250.

■ Black Repertory Group Youth Department's Summer Day Camp is through August for this summer's production of "The Wizard" at 3201 Adeline St., Berkeley. Details: 510-652-2120 or www.blackrepertorygroup.com.

■ Boy Scout meetings — All boys in grades 6-12 are invited to join Troop 125 at meetings from 5-6:30 p.m. on

Mondays at Downer Elementary School Cafeteria, 1777 Sanford Ave., San Pablo. Sponsored by the Lion's Club. Details: Brian at 510-231-0403.

■ Check out books from Berkley Richmond Jewish Community Center Library, 1414 Walnut St., Berkeley. Spend quality time with your kids, meet with children's librarian, research your Jewish roots or check out best sellers. Hours: 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 6:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesdays. Details: 510-848-0237.

■ Contra Costa Civic Theatre, 951 Pomona Ave., El Cerrito, offers theater classes and seminars for children, youth and adults throughout the year including summer camps, stage craft seminars, after-school programs and theatre techniques and improvisation. All classes and seminars are taught by professionals. Details: 510-524-9132 or visit www.cct.org.

■ El Cerrito offers special programs for children from 22 months to 3½ years of age designed to offer parents an opportunity to leave their pre-school children in a safe atmosphere under qualified supervision. Program meets 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Monday-Thursday at 7007 Moeser Lane, El Cerrito. Registration is continuous as long as space is available. Details: 510-215-4371.

Community

■ BPU's Social Justice Committee 4th Friday Activism Series presents Soviet expert, KPFA host, author Bill Mandel and activist son Bob Mandel 7 p.m. June 24. Berkeley Fellowship of Unitarian Universalists' Hall, 1924 Cedar St. "George Galloway of the 60's" and son share their transformative experiences, dialogue on how we change the world, and discuss vital issues, followed by Q & A. \$10; no one turned away for lack of funds. Details: 510-495-5132.

■ Berkley Richmond Jewish Community Center, 1414 Walnut St., Berkeley, presents: Tribute to Lee and Dorothy Marsh and BRJCC Founders June 25. Food, fun, entertainment. Details: 510-848-0237 or www.brijcc.org.

■ Elizabeth Cook speaks on "Preserving Tibetan Texts" 6 p.m. June 26 at Tibetan Nyingma Institute, 1815 Highland Place, Berkeley. Free. Details: 510-843-6812.

■ BMW Ultimate Drive for the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation is 10 a.m.-6 p.m. June 27-October 4 at Weatherford BMW, 750 Potter St., Berkeley. Test drive a fleet vehicle and BMW will donate \$1 for every mile driven to Foundation. Details: 877-4-A-DRIVE.

■ Recreational Equipment Inc. 1338 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley, presents: Free Hands-on Bicycle Clinic 10 a.m.-11:30 a.m. July 3, 17. Great Yosemite Day Hikes & Weekend Backpacking Trips slide presentation 7 p.m. June 28. —Foot-Care for Any Sport: Boot Fit, Blister & More 7 p.m. July 5. —Kayaking 101 7 p.m. July 6. —Hands-on Bike Maintenance Class 8 a.m.-2 p.m. July 10. —Road Cycling for Women 7 p.m. July 12. —Climbing Mt. Shasta: Tips for First-time Climbers 7 p.m. July 13. Details: 510-527-4140.

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Three BART unions authorize a strike contract talks fail

overwhelming majority of BART's five unions voted OK action if not set by June 30.

Mike Adamick
STAFF WRITER
of BART's five unions voted to authorize a strike if contract negotiations fail, June 30 deadline to sign a deal inches closer.

As negotiators huddled in bars and district's rank-and-file members showed overwhelming support for a strike by the end of the day.

The purpose of this vote is to determine know we're serious and Sue Angeli, a spokeswoman for Service Employees International Union local 790, authorized the strike by a 2-to-1 margin. Some 956-18. "We want to keep around the clock the strike vote has been extended for weeks. Lead negotiators wanted an extra week to negotiate their pockets during negotiations.

This involves three of the largest unions and includes about 2,400 employees such as train operator, agent, janitor, clerk and manager. The system's enforcement unions did not vote Wednesday, with 100 analysts and managers with American Association of State, County and Employee local 3993 voting 95 percent to 7 percent for a strike.

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and benefit hikes over three years, which would add \$200 million to the district's deficit, according to BART figures.

BART management, meanwhile, wanted to institute a wage freeze and cut 13 percent of benefits over four years, according to union figures.

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■ **Berkeley Neighborhood Computers**, a non-profit organization, provides high-value and high-demand computer technology training for disadvantaged and at-risk individuals. Organization seeks computers and networking equipment to be used for training purposes. All donations are tax deductible. Details: 510-845-1226 or e-mail bnc@netvalue.net.

Exhibits

■ **UC Berkeley Art Museum/Pacific Film Archive**, 2625 Durant Ave. #2250, Berkeley, presents: Matrix 216: Slater Bradley "The Year of the Doppelganger" through June 26; First Impressions: Free First Thursdays 5:30 p.m. July 7 in Theater Gallery. Guided tour of "Blind to the Museum." — Free Screening of "The Animal Kingdom" 5:30 p.m. July 7 in PFA Theater; "Blind At The Museum" through July 24; Artist's Talk Matrix 217: Haim Steinbach "Works in Progress: Objects for People/Snapshots" 4 p.m. July 10 in Gallery 1; "Blind at the Museum" through July 24; "Narrative Moral Models in Chinese and Japanese Painting" through July 24; Matrix 217: Haim

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Steinbach July 10-Sept. 4; "Acting Out: Claude Cahun and Marcel Moore" through Aug. 7; Eureka Fellowship 2002-2004 through Aug. 14. Details: www.bampfa.berkeley.edu or 510-642-0808.

■ **Black Repertory Group**, 3201 Adeline St., Berkeley, presents: Open Musical Theater auditions/casting calls for actors, musicians, singers, comics, dancers, models, designers, photographers 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Mondays-Saturdays through June 27. — Night Owl Comedy 10 p.m. on 3rd Saturdays monthly. Cost:\$5-\$10. — Free Lunch Program is through Aug. 4. Details: 510-652-2120 or www.blackrepertorygroup.com.

■ Paintings by local artist Jean Hearst are showing through June 30 at YWCA at UC Berkeley, 2600 Bancroft Way, Berkeley. Details: www.jeanhearst.com.

■ "Familiar Faces, Distant Lands," an exhibition of oil paintings by Susan Hall, Mary Jonile and Nika (Monika Henrichs), are on display at Addison Street Windows Gallery through June 30 at 2018 Addison St., Berkeley. Details: ebtz@aol.com or 510-832-5122.

■ **ACCI Gallery** presents their June Garden Show featuring works in celebration of Summer by ACCI Gallery Members through July 1 at 1852 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. Included are: Carol Bevilacqua & Marlie DeSwart - ceramics, Kim Webster - glass, Bella Biggs - fine art, Vicki Breazeale - mixed media. Details: 510-843-2527.

■ **Judah L. Magnes Museum**, 2911 Russell St., Berkeley, presents: "Acting Out: Claude Cahun and Marcel Moore" through July 31 at Reuelting Gallery; "Revisions: Naomie Kremer, Shtetl"

through July 31. — "The People and the Book: Paintings and Rare Books from the Museum's Collection" through July 3 in Second Floor Gallery. Free. Details: 510-549-6950 or www.magnes.org.

■ 22nd annual **Berkeley Art Center Association National Juried Exhibition** is July 17-Aug. 27 at Berkeley Art Center, Live Oak Park, 1275 Walnut St. Opening reception & awards 2-4 p.m. July 17. Gallery hours: Wednesday-Sunday, 12-5 p.m. Free, with donations accepted. Details: 510-644-6893 or www.berkeleyartcenter.org.

■ Photography show "Travels with Margot" shows through July 20 at the Homemade Cafe, 2454 Sacramento St., Berkeley. Berkeley activist Margot Smith presents photos from Europe, China, Hawaii, Mexico, California. Details: 510-466-8010.

■ **Alvarado Artists Group** will exhibit their work at Giorgi Gallery, 2911 Claremont Ave., Berkeley. Works of Barbara K. Werner, ceramicist, Marilyn MacGregor, ceramic sculptor, MJ Orcutt, mixed media artist, Carla Dole, book artist, and Joan Mikkelsen, photographer, will be on display through July 3. Details: 510-848-1228 or www.giorgigallery.com.

■ **Innersport's** spring show runs until August at 1250 Addison St. #102, Berkeley. Show features work by Scott Courtenay-Smith, Sally Kiehn and Nita Moreno. Details: www.innersport.com.

■ **Albany Arts Committee** presents exhibit "From Life," featuring plein air and figurative paintings of Iris Sabre through

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Poll

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He said the poll questions misrepresented the potential development. The survey asked how people felt about a development doubling the size of the city's population and concrete dominating the waterfront.

Middlebrook said if there's housing, the developer would bring no more than a fraction of the city's current population to the waterfront, and intended to reduce the amount of asphalt on the waterfront by increasing open space.

"There is no proposal," Middlebrook said. "What the people of Albany want will determine the size of the project."

Diane McNenny said the Albany Education Foundation board deserved an apology for the use of its name as part of a polling question. Fifty-six percent of respondents said they were more or much more likely to favor the project if the developer supported the school district fund-raising group.

The group does not take sides

on political issues, McNenny said.

Others said Lieber was trying to squelch debate about the issue and complained that the full survey was not made available to the public prior to the meeting.

"There's a long history in this town of manipulative public surveys," said resident Bob Outis.

"We need to know who funded this and for what purpose," said Howard McNenny. "It's not going to work to say it's anonymous."

Resident Mara Duncan said that while the poll may be flawed, she appreciated that there was a group looking out for the city's interests.

"Magna, Caruso — this is big money, big development," Duncan said. "This is a small town."

"We know Mr. Middlebrook represents Caruso," said resident Bill Dann. "We know Caruso builds shopping malls, so there's no question that even though we have not seen the plans, that is the intent."

In a response to a question from Lieber, Middlebrook said the developer conducted its own poll last year but has not released

results to the public.

"I'd like to say that if you don't like the poll and there's a difference of opinion out there, bring it forward," Lieber said. "Caruso has a poll, let us see it."

Lieber supports a Sierra Club and Citizens for the Eastshore State Parks plan that would allow for limited development near the freeway, if and when Magna razes the Golden Gate Fields racetrack.

Robert Cheasty, the president of the Citizens for the Eastshore State Parks, said the plan would give the city a rare opportunity to revisit history. It would provide open space along the Albany waterfront where the racetrack now stands and link the 8½-mile Eastshore State Park from Oakland to Richmond.

"It's something we need to think about in terms of our grandchildren and their grandchildren," Cheasty said.

Mayor Robert Good said he appreciated the poll and believed the track could go as early as next year.

In May, Magna shareholders voted overwhelmingly to sell off the racetrack holdings, but 72-

year-old Magna Chairman Frank Stronach overruled them, exercising his controlling interest and voting not to liquidate.

"I believe Stronach can't hold the line much longer," Good said.

Councilwoman Jewel Okawachi said she had an opinion but was also trying to keep an open mind. City Councilman Farid Javandel was equally non-committal.

"I think clearly people want to see significant state park on the waterfront," said Vice Mayor Allan Maris. "I do hope people realize (the racetrack) is a source of revenue also. We need reasonable development down there. "As far as the survey goes," Maris added, "it's full of holes, but almost every survey I've seen is full of holes."

Javandel said a good poll question would be: What do people want?

"The best part of tonight is we got to hear people want or don't want," said Javandel. "That's important."

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Art

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the program. Developers building fewer than five units of housing could opt out.

"It's not a program that is new," said Karen Pinkos, the assistant to the city manager. "It's been proven in all sorts of cities as a really good way to get some funding for public art without having to put a burden on the operating budget."

Formed in 2003, the arts and culture commission has been looking at ways to expand art and culture in the city, Pinkos said.

The commission decided to create an arts master plan and use a 1 percent arts ordinance to help implement it.

The commission is working simultaneously on the arts plan and the ordinance, but the ordinance will likely be completed first, Fingado said.

"Most cities already imple-

mented a program," Fingado said of the ordinance. "So we kind of need to do some catching up."

Pinkos said the arts commission would likely decide what public art is installed, though residents could appeal the decision to the City Council.

The council heard a presentation on the ordinance at its Monday meeting, and gave the go-ahead to pursue it further. An ordinance will come back to the council for approval after receiv-

ing additional input from city commissioners and the city attorney.

Prior to the meeting, City Councilman Bill Jones said he liked the concept.

"I can't argue with the fact that good public art adds to the community," said Jones. "I think it does. But you have to make sure it's well-managed."

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Sept. 2 at Foyer Gallery, Albany Community Center, 1249 Marin Ave., Albany. Hours: Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m.-9 p.m.; 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Saturdays. Details: 510-524-1577.

■ Berkeley Art Museum/Pacific Film Archive, 2625 Duran Ave., Berkeley, offers the following exhibitions: "Turning Corners," a collection of radical/nonconformist artists, and "Figurations," a changing variety of perspectives on the human form, through Jan. 22, 2006. Details: 510-642-0808.

Film/dance/stage

■ La Pena Cultural Center, 3105 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley, hosts these upcoming events: La Niña Flamenco June 24, \$18-\$20. — Marina Garza & Orquesta D'Soul, Montuno Groove 8:30 p.m. June 25, \$12-\$14. — PachaSiku 7:30 p.m. June 26, \$10. Details: 510-849-2568 or go to www.lapena.org.

■ Cal Performances presents Robert Lepage's "The Busker's Opera" 8 p.m. June 24-25, 3 p.m. June 26 at UC Berkeley's Zellerbach Hall. Tickets: \$56; call 510-642-9988 or www.calperfs.berkeley.edu.

■ Subterranean Shakespeare presents "The Taming of the Shrew" 8 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays through June 24 at Berkeley Arts Centre, 1275 Walnut St., Berkeley. Tickets: 510-276-3871.

■ California Shakespeare Theater presents an audio described matinee of "Othello" 2 p.m. June 25 at Bruns Amphitheater, 100 Gateway Blvd., Orinda. Audio description is a carefully timed narration of on-stage action via an inconspicuous FM receiver and is available at no additional cost. Tickets: \$35-\$45 advance; 510-548-9666 or www.calshakes.org.

■ Ashkenaz Music & Dance Community Center, 1317 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley, presents: Jai Uttal and the Pagan Love Orchestra 9 p.m. June 25, \$13-\$15. — African Tribal Quintet African Showboys 9:30 p.m. July 1, \$11-\$13. — Reggae Angels concert 9:30 p.m. July 2, \$11-\$13. — Kids' show "Ten*G*Bob" 3 p.m. July 3, \$4-\$6. — Dance lessons with Amet

Luleci and Joe Graziosi 7 p.m. Balkan CD release party for Edessa 8:30 p.m. July 3, \$12. — Cajun dance lesson 8 p.m., Cajun/Zydeco dance concert with Tom Rigney & Flamebeard 8:30 p.m. July 5, \$9. — Wadi Gadi and Jahbandi reggae concert 9:30 p.m. July 6, \$9. — Lecture/demonstration on Bharatanatyam classical dance and music of India 8 p.m.; concert at 9:15 p.m. with Musicians of

BharataKalanji, Madras with K.P. Yedda and Kalanjali Dancers July 7, \$8-\$10. Details: www.ashkenaz.org or 510-525-5054.

■ California Shakespeare Theater presents "Inside Scoop — The Life and Adventures of Nicholas Nickleby, Part One" 7-8 p.m. June 27 at Orinda Playhouse, 24 Orinda Way, Orinda. Free. Attendees receive a deeper look at creative process. Details: www.CalShakes.org or 510-548-9666.

■ Julia Morgan Center for the Arts presents "Tell It On Tuesday" 7:30 p.m. June 28 at 2640 College Ave., Berkeley. A new monthly series of solo performances celebrates the art of storytelling. This month's lineup includes Randy Rutherford, Todd Jeune, Dance McHale, and Erica Lann-Clark. Tickets: \$5 at door. Details: www.juliamorgan.org.

■ Andrea Mock gives a free performance of "Jane Austen in Berkeley" 7:30 p.m. July 2 at A Cuppa Tea, 3200 College Ave., Berkeley. A performance of Andrea Mock's one-woman play. Ne'er-do-well, Berkeley single mom writes a blockbuster novel with Jane Austen's help while searching for her perfect mate. Details: 510-841-9441.

■ Shotgun Players presents "Arabian Night" by Roland Schimmelpfennig through July 3 at the Ashby Stage, 1901 Ashby Ave. Tickets: \$10-\$30 sliding scale. Tickets/details: www.shotgunplayers.org or 510-841-6500.

■ Summer Classes at the Berkeley Rep School of Theatre start July 5 at 2071 Addison St., Berkeley. Adults of all skill levels invited to take three acting classes & three new classes, including one with solo performer Ron Campbell. Cost varies by class. Details: 510-647-2972 or www.berkeleyrep.org.

■ Shotgun Theatre Lab presents "The Pawn" 8 p.m. Tuesdays & Wednesdays through July 6 at the Ashby Stage, 1901

Ashby Ave., Berkeley. Tickets \$10; www.shotgunplayers.org or 510-841-6500.

■ Contra Costa Civic Theatre presents Cole Porter's musical "Anything Goes" 8 p.m. Fridays & Saturdays July 8-Aug. 12, 2 p.m. Sundays July 10-Aug. 7 at 951 Pomona Ave., El Cerrito. Admission: \$12-\$26. Reservations: 510-524-9132 or www.ccct.org.

■ Women's Will, bay area's all-female Shakespeare Company, presents "Richard III" 8 p.m. July 9-10, 16-17 at John Hinkel Park, Southampton Avenue & Somerset Place, Berkeley Hills. Free. Details: www.womanswill.org or 510-420-0813.

■ San Francisco Circus Center presents "Elevation 63" 11 a.m. & 4 p.m. July 10 at Julia Morgan Center for the Arts, 2640 College Ave., Berkeley. Tickets: \$10 adult/\$5 children; call 925-799-1300. Details: www.juliamorgan.org.

■ Aurora Theatre Company presents "Aurora Stories" benefit reading series to feature exotic tales from the Arabian night 7:30 p.m. July 11 at 2081 Addison St., Berkeley, Free, with \$20 donation suggested. Proceeds support theatre and Global Age Project new works program. Details: 510-843-4822 or www.auroratheatre.org.

■ Contra Costa Civic Theatre holds auditions for "You Can't Take It With You" by George S. Kaufman and Moss Hart, directed by Kate Culbertson, and starring Ralph Miller as Grandpa Vandover, or July 19-20 at 951 Pomona Ave., El Cerrito. Prepare a one-minute monologue and read from script. There are roles for 8 men and 7 women, 20s-60s. Performances are in fall 2005. Details: 510-524-9132 or www.ccct.org.

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The home's highlights include a grand master suite, three additional bedrooms, four baths and formal living and dining rooms. A contemporary kitchen/family room

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Real Estate Spotlight:

Historic Piedmont estate



RENNED SAN FRANCISCO ARCHITECT ALBERT FARR designed this incomparable French Renaissance Revival chateau in 1927. The estate is spectacularly situated on 1.6 acres, with approximately 10,500 square feet of living space and opulent architectural detailing that harkens to an era of grand elegance and luxury. A 75-foot-long veranda with exquisite balustrades and graceful urns affords spectacular Bay and city views. The entry leads to an expansive main level with a 12- by 48-foot formal foyer featuring Farr's original black-and-white checkered marble flooring, a living room with an intricately carved white marble fireplace, a sunroom with French doors and parquet flooring, a formal dining room and an exquisite living room. San Francisco architect Dan Phipps designed the kitchen and master bath in 1999. Upstairs are four bedrooms, including a magnificent master suite with fireplace, and three-and-one-half baths. All rooms on this level, including a sitting room, feature fabulous views. On the lower level is a ballroom with a stage large enough to accommodate an orchestra, along with dressing rooms, an office area, a wine cellar, two storage rooms, and an au pair suite, complete with bedroom, bath, living room, kitchen, and laundry room.

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THE LIVING ROOM at 393 Hampton Road, above, features an impressive fireplace, floor-to-ceiling French doors and windows and solid hardwood floors. A beautiful courtyard is visible through floor-to-ceiling French doors and windows from



Home

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combination adds to the overall appeal of this beautiful city retreat, which includes an atrium, a separate lower level basement and a garage with interior access as well as a full-size swimming pool with pool house set in a garden that blooms all year-round.

A terraced flight of stairs leads to a patio and the home's front entry. High ceilings, exposed-timber vaulted ceilings accent the home's main level.

The east wing is a separate suite with views of the garden, patio and courtyard on all four sides. This wing has its own bedroom, a sitting room, a full bath and ample storage space. The adjoining atrium corridor showcases the courtyard, one of the home's focal points.

The living room features an impressive fireplace, floor-to-ceiling French doors and windows and solid hardwood floors. A grand dining hall with exposed-timber vaulted ceilings and original hand-laid hardwood floors adjoins the living room. This space discreetly transitions to the kitchen and family room, as well as the main corridor and west wing family quarters.

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The home's lush gardens surround the home's entire west wing

VITAL STATISTICS

What: A Farr & Ward-designed, Axel Cederborg-built

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Size: A 3,532 square-foot home on a 39,12 square-foot

Beds: Four

Bathroom: Four

Features: The home's highlights include a grand master

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One of life little lessons

■ Don't let that toilet 'run' your life

*Return to July 1995,
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Several years ago when my husband and I bought our house, we immediately began tearing it apart. We took off the front porch, tore down ceilings, and gutted the kitchen. Workmen arrived every morning at 7. Things were busy and chaotic at our house, we had big projects on our minds, and we weren't getting enough sleep. Probably this explains why we didn't notice right away that the toilet in the back bathroom was running. When we did notice, it seemed like a small thing to fix, so we waited until the plumber was at the house for something else, then asked him to take care of it.

He fiddled with the insides of the toilet, then left. He came back, spent more time, charged more money, and left. It ran the same.

In the middle of the night when all was quiet, we'd all hear the toilet gurgling water down the drain. I said to my husband, "Why don't we just get rid of that toilet? Buy a new one?" He looked at me like I was out of my mind. "You don't re-

place a whole toilet just because it's running," he said. "It just needs some adjustment."

When the plumber returned, I appealed to him. "Wouldn't it make sense to put in a new toilet, fix it once and for all? How much do toilets cost?"

"We may need to replace some parts," he said, "but there is no need to get a new toilet." He didn't say how much new ones cost.

Over a period of time different plumbers replaced the toilet's innards — the float and the seals and

The toilet didn't run every minute or even every day. I never wanted to know how much we spent on it so I never added it up, but I do know that I continued to suggest that we give up and buy a new one. Any man who happened to be in the vicinity would answer, "It just needs some fiddling."

so forth — to no avail. I did what I could. I wrote checks to the plumbers and shouted after they'd left, "It's still doing it."

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some fiddling."

I planned to do with the toilet. It was going to the dump — did I want it? Minutes later I had loaded it into a wheelbarrow and stashed it in my garage. I saw it as insurance.

I tried once more. I got another plumber to look at the old toilet. Like the others before him, he was sure he could fix it. He charged more than anyone else because it took so long to empty the tank and apply epoxies around the drain. "This should work," he said.

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of the home, which features three bedroom suites. The spacious master suite has a large en suite bath, a walk-in dressing area with plenty of closet space. The adjacent bedroom suite is a sunny, southwest-facing room with a full en suite bath, a separate walk-in closet. A third bedroom, featuring a wall-to-wall closets and a picture window completes the west wing.

The home is situated in the center of a redwood grove and surrounded by beautiful, mature gardens. A full size swimming pool with a pool house is on the grounds, which also contain an open lawn surrounded by a potted garden and courtyard, terraces and space for plenty of guest parking. The home's full-size lower level basement features an enclosed garage, and a laundry room/workshop.

The home has an interesting construction story. The original permit described the home as a five-room servants' quarters with the address of 401 Hampton. This may have been done to keep construction costs at a minimum (they are listed as \$4,980) as construction rates for servants' quarters were significantly less than that for houses.

Servants never lived here, however, as we know that members of the Cavalier family have continuously occupied the home.

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The toilet was silent for awhile, maybe a couple of weeks. This time when it started, it ran for shorter periods, only a few seconds at each interval, just enough to drive us all crazy. My kids complained, "The toilet makes noise all night and wakes us up. Can't you stop it?"

There were days when I woke up determined to fix the problem, but somehow those days got complicated, too busy, and I'd forget. I'd come home tired at night thinking about dinner and homework, then walk into the hallway and hear that noise again. Finally I got around to calling one last plumber, man-

aged to meet him during the day, and went over the entire history of the toilet as I knew it.

This guy was great. He marveled over the quantity of epoxy the last guy had applied. He adjusted the float and the wire, then sat down on the edge of the tub to see what would happen. It didn't disappoint. It ran right away.

Then this man said some words I'd been waiting to hear. "I don't know what else to do, I think you should replace the toilet."

Done. Pink wasn't the right color for that yellow bathroom, so my good man switched toilets around. In less than two hours the toilet I'd found at my neighbor's was installed, and all was quiet in the house.

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That was on Wednesday a week ago. On Friday I was reading a book to my kids at bedtime when I heard a familiar sound. "Oh, no!" I said loudly. Annie sat up in bed. "What? You scared me, Mom."

"Sorry," I said, "I thought I heard the new toilet running. Did you hear it run right away."

"anything?" Nick was sitting up, too. "I didn't hear anything," he said reassuringly. "It was probably just a phantom sound."

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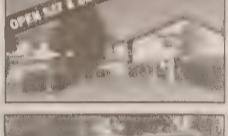
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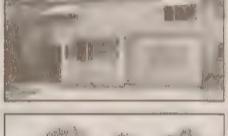
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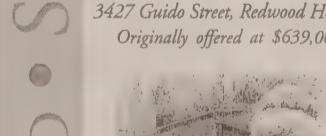
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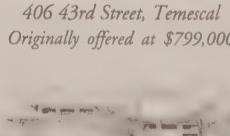
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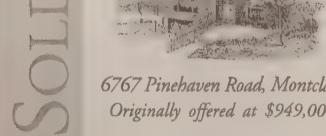
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6767 Pinehaven Road, Montclair
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6045 Contra Costa Rd., Upper Rockridge
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years ago, a young man bought
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neighborhood. He worked at home
and was particularly sensitive
to the house he purchased.
Appealing to him because it
was across the street from an un-
developed property.
about a year after he moved in,

construction started on the property across the street. Unbeknownst to him, a new high school was being built. He found the noise from construction intolerable.

Most buyers are accustomed to having a home they're interested in buying inspected by a knowledgeable home inspector. Finding out pertinent information about the surrounding neighborhood should also be a part of your due diligence investigations.

A good source of information about the local neighborhood is local residents. You may view a listing at a time when no one's around. So, be sure to visit the neighborhood on your own at times when locals are likely to be at home, like after work or on a Saturday morning. Attending a Sunday open house may give you an opportunity to talk with some neighbors.

Ask friends and colleagues at work if they know anyone who lives in a

neighborhood you're considering. Get names, addresses and phone numbers, if you can, so that you can talk with these people directly.

HOUSE HUNTING TIP: You want to know what local residents like and don't like about the neighborhood. Find out how long each person you talk to has lived there. Ask if there are any proposed changes in local facilities like a new freeway or school that might impact the quality of life in the neighborhood in either a positive or negative way? Are there any problems like landslides, school or crime issues that you should be aware of?

Check with the Chamber of Commerce to find out if they have any information about the neighborhood. If you're concerned about crime rates, visit the local precinct. The Internet is another source of information.

A Web site like www.realtor.com or www.neighborhoodscout.com may have some useful, although general, information. If you're buying long distance, you can gather helpful information about a place by subscribing to a local newspaper.

Ask your real estate agent about how often homes change hands in a particular neighborhood. Turn-



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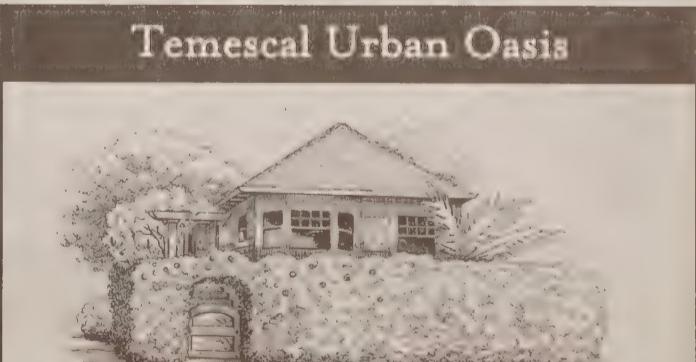
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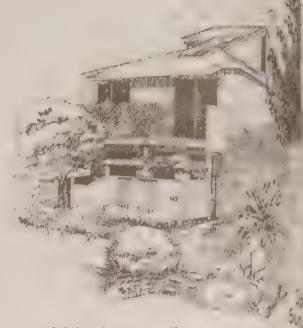
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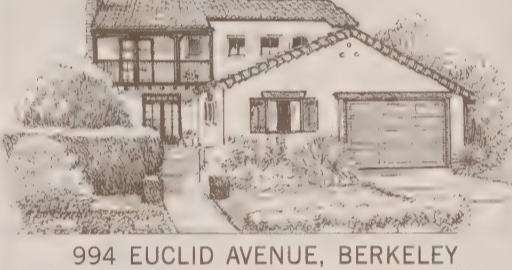


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4820 Commonwealth Drive Open 2-5



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3/2.5 - Sun-filled Mediterranean built around central courtyard. Bay and Golden Gate views. Master retreat. Huge living room. Remodeled. 84 Vicente Road Open 2-4



BERKELEY \$1,395,000
3+/- Bright, sunny and spacious with custom gourmet kitchen. Plus spaces include detached home theater, sitting & drawing rooms. 817 Mendocino Avenue Open 2-4:30



KENSINGTON - NEW! \$869,000
4/3 - Located on a large lot, with hardwood floors, fireplace, crown moldings, large yard & deck. In-law potential. Kensington schools. 615 Parkside Court Open Sat/Sun 1-4



OAKLAND - NEW! \$859,000
5/2 - Charming bungalow on lovely street near the Piedmont border. Bright & spacious with sunny deck, peaceful back yard, more.
3908 Lakeshore Avenue Open 2-4



BERKELEY - NEW! \$1,100,000
6/5 - 1st time offered in over 50 years. Four level Mediterranean view home. Hardwood floors, large in-law apartment, level yard, more. 994 Euclid Avenue Open 2-4:30



BERKELEY \$985,000
3/2.5 - European Timber Frame style. Redwood interior. Rare, level double lot. Deck, landscaped garden, solarium. Must see! 747 Creston Road Open 2-4:30



KENSINGTON - NEW! \$653,900
2/1 - Gorgeous Mediterranean style bungalow. Hardwood floors, fireplace, finished basement and rooms, garden. 416 Berkeley Pk Blvd. Open Sat/Sun 1-5



OAKLAND \$799,000
DUPLEX - Spacious Craftsman Traditional with 2/1.5 downstairs and 3/1.5 up. Remodeled kitchens and baths, detached garage. 3622 Kingsley Street Open 2-4



BERKELEY \$985,000
2+/- North Berkeley townhome with architecturally designed, understated elegance. Located in the heart of the Gourmet Ghetto. 2211 Rose Street Open 2-4



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KENSINGTON - NEW! \$549,000
2/1 - Bright & sunny cottage situated on a secluded 1-block section high in the hills. More information at www.bobblumberg.com. 531 Kenyon Avenue Open 2-4



OAKLAND \$650,000
3/1 - Wonderfully bright bungalow in the heart of Rockridge. Updated kitchen, hardwood floors, 6 skylights, new heater, more. 5109 Manila Avenue Open 2-4:30



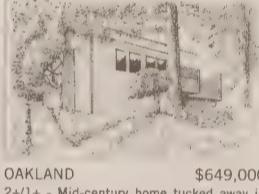
BERKELEY \$875,000
2+/- North Berkeley townhome in the heart of the Gourmet Ghetto with private garden, Brazilian cherry floors, detached garage. 2209 Rose Street Open 2-4



BERKELEY \$639,000
3/1 - Classic bungalow with huge yard, new kitchen & bath, new paint inside & out, built-ins in dining room and living room. 1244 Ordway Street Open 2-4:30



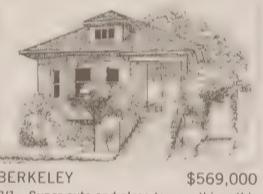
ALBANY \$549,000
2/1 - First time EVER on the market! Huge creekside lot. Move-in condition: fresh + bright! Hardwood floors, big garage, workshop. 1146 Evelyn Avenue Open 2-4



OAKLAND \$649,000
2+/- Mid-century home tucked away in the Montclair hills. Surrounded by redwoods, numerous skylights, remodeled kitchen & bath. 7101 Saroni Drive Open 2-4



BERKELEY - NEW! \$589,000
1+/- Extraordinary, light-filled West Berkeley live/work. 1,500 square feet. Close to 4th Street. More at www.justsellmyhouse.com. 2430 5th Street Unit D Open 2-4:30



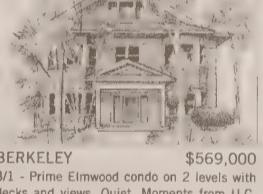
BERKELEY \$569,000
2/1 - Super cute and close to everything, this house has character! Sunny yard, great neighborhood, blocks to BART, the Bowl & Whole Foods. 3109 Wheeler Street Open 1-4:30



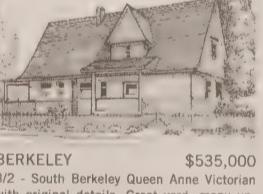
EL CERRITO \$639,000
3/2 - One story with views of Golden Gate & SF Bay bridges. Located near Del Norte BART, shopping & easy access to freeway. 1740 Walnut Street Open 2-4



OAKLAND \$549,000
2/1 - Lovely Craftsman home in Haddon Hill with hardwood floors, built-ins, a sunny kitchen, private backyard & lots of storage, large basement. 566 Athol Avenue Open 2-4



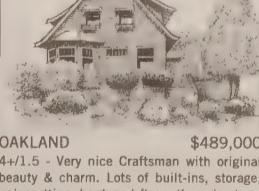
BERKELEY \$569,000
3/1 - Prime Elmwood condo on 2 levels with decks and views. Quiet. Moments from U.C. and cafes on College Avenue. Loft-like upstairs. 2910 Hillegass Avenue #3 Open 2-4:30



BERKELEY \$535,000
3/2 - South Berkeley Queen Anne Victorian with original details. Great yard, many upgrades, close to Ashby BART. 3231 California Street Open 2-4



EL CERRITO \$589,000
2/1 - Charming! Brand new kitchen with oak cabinets, granite counters & stainless steel appliances, oak floors, more. Move-in condition. 236 Carmel Avenue Open 2-5



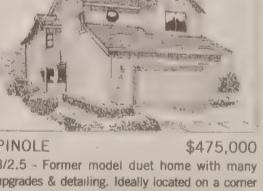
OAKLAND \$489,000
4+/- Very nice Craftsman with original beauty & charm. Lots of built-ins, storage, wainscoting, hardwood floors throughout. 2001 42nd Avenue Open 2-4



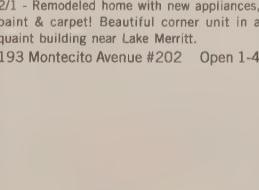
MORAGA \$989,000
3/2.5 - Classic ranch-style home. Spacious & bright, 2 fireplaces. Large lot, beautiful yard, all on one level! Potential for expansion. 176 Shuey Drive Open 1-5



BERKELEY \$499,000
DUPLEX - Golden duplex with one 2/1 and one 1/1 side by side, large lot, vacant at COE. In good condition. Perfect for home + income! 1639 Julia Street Open 2-4



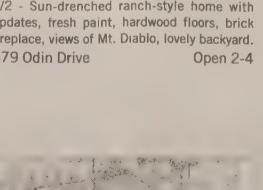
PINOLE \$475,000
3/2 - Former model duet home with many upgrades & detailing. Ideally located on a corner lot in the desired Pinole Shores neighborhood. 327 Del Monte Way Open 1:30-4



OAKLAND \$399,000

2/1 - Remodeled home with new appliances, paint & carpet! Beautiful corner unit in a quaint building near Lake Merritt.

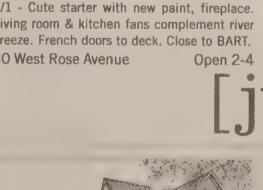
193 Montecito Avenue #202 Open 1-4



PLEASANT HILL \$669,000

4/2 - Sun-drenched ranch-style home with updates, fresh paint, hardwood floors, brick fireplace, views of Mt. Diablo, lovely backyard.

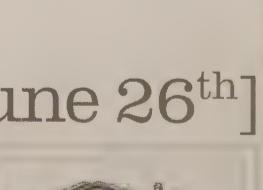
479 Odin Drive Open 2-4



BAY POINT \$360,000

2/1 - Cute starter with new paint, fireplace. Living room & kitchen fans complement river breeze. French doors to deck. Close to BART.

30 West Rose Avenue Open 2-4



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FROM PAGE B6

Evidence of remodeling in a neighborhood is usually a good sign. Homeowners who are satisfied with the neighborhood tend to remodel and stay put rather than move out.

Find out about the local schools, even if you don't intend to use them. There tends to be a direct correlation between property values and the caliber of public schools in an area—the better the schools, the higher the property values.

Will you be able to satisfy your life style needs easily? If there's public transportation, try it out. If you're driving, take a test drive during rush hour.

THE CLOSING: Be sure to drive to and from a home you're considering at different times of day and from different directions. Your agent may have shown you the scenic route.

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of real estate agents is that such
houses aren't properly priced. But
in the market, what does "properly
priced" mean?

A buyer shops, he or she
looks at all the competing prop-
erty in both price range and loca-
tion. The perception of value is
based on what the buyer sees while
open-shopping," said Noelle
Duffy, senior vice president at
Homes-Link Real Estate.

She said, if you own a house
and one other in your neighbor-
hood, asking \$100,000 more
than the other seller may mean the
house is not properly priced, Bar-
ber said.

"If you say the house is priced right,
it may be the problem

A growing number of sellers
and real estate agents are restrict-
ing showings - in number, hours
and days of the week - because
they believe that the market is so
hot that the effort isn't necessary,"

said Duffy, owner of Duffy Real
Estate.

In a hot market, he said,
you need to have as many people
as possible looking at that house."

People agreed and said people
like to visualize what owning
a home will be like.

Seeing the house and touch-
ing it creates the passion in the
buyer that will lead him to buy the
house and offer more if there are
similarly passionate buyers."

If the house is properly
priced, the sellers are
likely to put up with strangers
showing through at all hours if it
means a quicker sale and a higher
price.

And they've given the listing
agent carte blanche on showings

of open houses.

Buyers aren't anyone making an of-
fer based on condition. Buyers may
be willing to overlook a lot of things,

such as paint peeling on the
exterior of the house and the land-

scapes much to be desired,

but now, when everything is

on the market, they won't even get out

of bed," Duffy said.

Even if the house is freshly

washed and clean, a would-be
buyer can begin hitting roadblocks

as she crosses the threshold.

Philadelphia agent Mike

Barber throughout the house

and one of them. Untidy rooms

suggest the owner has ne-

ver bothered to clean up.

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Watch out for inflated appraisals

BY MARSHALL LOEB

MARSHAL WATCH

Sellers beware — real es-
tate is on the rise, but less-
skilled home appraisers may
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of the property you are going to
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Norah Brower, x26

\$795,000

1255 Contra Costa Drive, El Cerrito

Open Sunday, 2:00 - 4:30

New listing! Wonderful view home near hiking trails. 4-bdrm, 2-bath secluded retreat with many special features. Large living room with random plank floors, elegant fireplace. Gourmet kitchen. Family/exercise room, hot tub, deck overlooking lush garden. Sunny, secluded patio. A must see!

Gay & Kay, x51

\$899,000



1812 Sixth Street, #B, Berkeley

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Denise Milburn, x35

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108 Ramona, El Cerrito

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New listing! Spacious, split-level home with 4 bdrms & 2.5 full baths. Gorgeous hwd floors, manted fireplace, tiled kitchen and baths & lots of light. Large bldy w/fruit trees, gar. Near BART, El Cerrito Plaza & Solano shps & restaurants.

Chris & Sandy, x54

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832 Ramona Ave., Albany

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This 2-bdrm bungalow boasts a terrific floor plan. The living rm w/fireplace & hwd flrs, leads to the formal dining rm. Large kitchen includes breakfast rm. Separate laundry rm doubles as kitchen pantry & provides access to truly gorgeous backyard.

Bill & Tracy, x33

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413 Yale Ave., Kensington

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New listing! This sunny home w/gracious rms & an open floor plan boasts 3 bdrms & 2 baths. Lrg windows w/Bay views expand the outlooks. Grand stone fp adds drama to the living rm. Polished hwd flrs, new interior paint, & a low pest report make this home move-in ready.

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Northwood Court – BAY VIEW down slope in Montclair Offered at \$299,000

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Monterey Blvd. Prime development / subdivision probability - \$1,750,000

Lauriston Ct & Thorndale Dr. Create your own neighborhood - \$595,000

Tunnel Road – Big .60 acre lot with BAY VIEW & house plans - \$299,000

E. 17th Street – Small level lot - \$69,000

SOLD LISTINGS

Willowbank Court & Thorndale Drive – 6.7 acres - \$595,000

Westover Drive – Very special BAY VIEW, 3 lots sold together - \$417,000

Oakwood Drive – Upslope lot in established Montclair - \$150,000

Lauriston Court – Buildable vacant lot in Montclair - \$57,000

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88 Lane Court, Piedmont Side of Montclair

OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30. Fabulous fifties oasis! Custom-built (c. 1957) three + bedroom, two and one half bath home set amidst breathtaking private gardens and with expansive Bay and San Francisco views. Quiet cul-de-sac. Attached two-car garage. A must see!

New Price! \$1,095,000



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1524 Fernwood Drive

Storybook English Tudor located in Montclair on large lot adjacent to babbling creek. Built in 1937, this home features lovely detail including two fireplaces, vaulted beamed ceiling, hardwood floors and French doors. Expanded and updated through the years, this is truly a dream come true!

Listed at \$925,000



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Realtor
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Represented the Seller

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6171 Ruthland Rd.

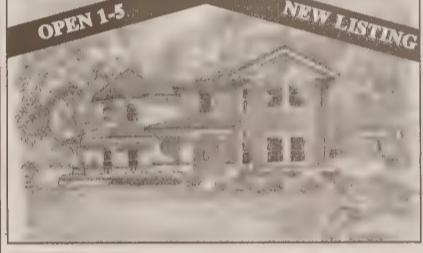
Sharp contemporary in a private 1/2 acre serene setting w/ Bay Views! 3 baths. This home is truly a rare find!

Offered at \$1,749,000



Joan Duffield, Realtor
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Enjoy the Heated Pool!

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JUNE 26
2:00-4:00



1036 Regatta Point, Hercules

Beautiful Victorian style home w/ 5 bedrooms, 4 1/2 baths. Gourmet kitchen, light-filled luxurious master suite w/ fireplace and elegant Jacuzzi tub and shower. Enjoy entertaining in the landscaped backyard with built-in barbecue and heated travertine pool.

Offered at \$1,350,000

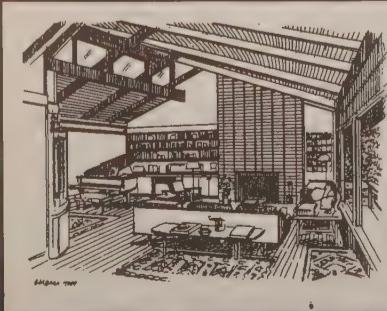


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New Listing

73 Beechwood Drive, Oakland

Claremont Pines Beauty

Beautifully crafted traditional home located in the elite Claremont Pines area. Gracious light filled rooms, luxury amenities throughout, such as, crown moldings, faux painting and wainscoting, granite counters, 3 car garage, etc. 5 brs, 5 full & 2 half baths, gourmet kit, and wine cellar. Lux master suite and bath w/ frpl, lge. bonus rm, lovely landscaped gardens.

\$2,695,000



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TOUGH

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The one thing I tell my sellers not to do is use potpourri," he said. "The smell of that stuff is overwhelming, and even if the house doesn't have an odor problem, the prospective buyer thinks you may be trying to hide something."

If you have one dog or one cat, the odor might be fairly easy to get rid of. Lots of pets, however, are a different matter.

"I sold a property owned by a woman who had 30 cats," said Christopher J. Ryan, an agent in the Philadelphia area.

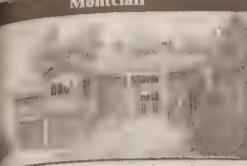
"Fortunately, the buyer was a developer who first tried to sand the smell out of the floors, and then ended up replacing all the flooring instead."

Tobacco smoke is also tough to hide and hard to get rid of.

"People who smoke tend not to notice it, but nonsmokers pick up on it right away," Ryan said. "Tobacco smoke can yellow the walls and stain the woodwork and hang in the curtains, clothes - everything."

Often, professional cleaning is required to remove the odors.

See TOUGH, Page B12

Recently Sold**Montclair****750 Mountain Boulevard**

Charming custom craftsman sold over asking with 9 offers.

Dian Hymer has successfully represented home buyers and sellers in the Oakland/Piedmont/Berkeley for over 28 years.

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**1231-35 Gilman**

Don't miss this spacious and charming Westbrae duplex. Well-maintained with a sun-lit breakfast nook, 2 bedrooms/1 bath each on main level and new full bath on lower level of 1235; interior access garages and MUCH MORE.

Offered at \$769,000**Barb Allendorf, Realtor**

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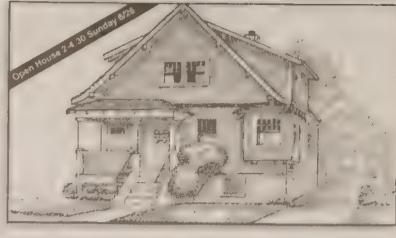
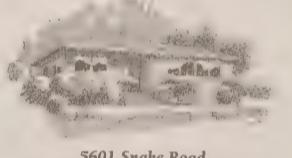
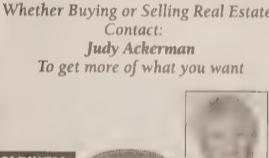
www.barballendorf.comPhoto Tour: www.1231-35gilman.com**Piedmont Pines****6112 Ascot Drive**

Wonderful country English sold over asking with 6 offers.

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Fruitvale**3167 Coolidge Ave. Unit A & B**

Fruitvale District: Features a wonderful duplex. 3167 Coolidge unit A&B. Downstairs 2bd/1bth huge kitch, hardwood floors, w/w carpet, fireplace, w/fresh paint. Upstairs 1bd/1bth cozy and comfortable. Good location-EZ access to hwys & shopping. Great curb appeal.

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Offered at \$725,000
Open Sunday**801 Erie Street**
Offered at \$1,200,000
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Sold**1258 Sunnyhills Road**
Offered at \$1,495,000
Represented the Buyer
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Coming Soon!!!**5601 Snake Road**
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3+BR/2BA. Master BR w/Jacuzzi tub. Approx. 2910 sq.ft. Gourmet kit. w/center island. New hdwd. flrs. Covered decks and fence. Two car garage w/ work area & storage. Home has spectacular front yard.

Kathy Wang - (925) 314-1500

**5657 Castle Drive****Piedmont Pines** Open
\$865,000**Redwood Heights**
Pending
\$670,000
3BR/1.5BA. Sunny private one-level living at the end of a cul-de-sac. Level bckyd w/patio & garden. 4 steps to the house. Spacious rms. Include living room w/fireplace & bookcase. FDR & brkfst rm, vintage kit. Helen Nicholas - (510) 339-8900**Oakland**
Open
\$669,000
1 lot w/2 houses. Front house has 3BR/1BA-Vacant. Lovely Craftsman details, gar, hdwd flrs, FDR, fpinc in LR. Backhouse has 2BR/1BA, tenant occupied, great income. 1116-1120 East 33rd St.
Open 2-4:30PM
Andrea Gordon - (510) 339-8900**Soon****Oakland**

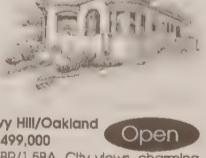
\$499,000

Soon

3BR/1BA. Remodeled Melrose craftsman w/up-graded kitchen & bath. Newly gleaming hdwd. flrs. Panelled formal dining rm, new exterior stucco & fresh professional landscaping. This is a "must see".

Coming Soon
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4BR/3BA. Privacy, greenery and space are hallmarks in this home. Huge rumpus room, home office, separate dining room, eat-in kitchen. 2 fireplaces, master suite. Walk to top schools, across street from park trail- so convenient!

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\$349,000
1BR/1BA. Condo near UC campus. Bright unit; meticulously maintained complex. Near Elmwood shops & cafes.**Lake Merritt**
Open
\$475,000
2BR/2BA. York towers condo. Move-in cond. Remod. kit., designer flr, fpic & sauna. Cvrld park. Near theater, food, trans. & Lake Merritt.

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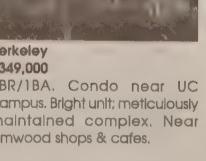
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Tough

FROM PAGE B11

Musty smells hint at a moisture problem, and that directs most buyers to the basement.

"The basement is where a lot of buyers of smaller houses are hoping to put things that otherwise would not fit elsewhere," Duffy said. "If they think that there is a problem in the basement, and they don't

get a satisfactory answer, they may knock the house off the list."

Worst-case scenario is a mold problem, which homeowners insurance may not cover. But even dampness issues can stop a sale. If the basement is dry 99 percent of the time but takes on a musty odor, a dehumidifier can help, Ryan said.

In the city, below-grade kitchens and the narrow, winding staircases found in trinities are not high on

most buyers' lists, McCann said.

"The stairs not only make them feel claustrophobic, but are tougher to manage the taller, the older and more out-of-shape a buyer is."

Though some below-grade kitchens are done creatively, "because there is rarely natural light, they feel like they are in the basement," McCann said.

Natural light is important, and adding it may be as simple as washing the windows and opening

the blinds. Older houses tend to have outdated floor plans, but that seems to bother first-time buyers less than it does second- or third-time buyers, Duffy said.

"The repeat buyer is looking for that family room off the kitchen," he said. "The first-time buyer is willing to work with the older floor plan simply to get a foot in the door."

But a bedroom that serves as a walk-through between other rooms can be a deal-breaker.

The repeat buyer is looking for that off the kitchen. The first-time buyer is work with the older floor plan simply to foot in the door.

"Some sellers want to say that their house has four bedrooms, but if there is a walk-through, we recommend they advertise it as three bedrooms — one with an attached

sitting room," McCann said.

"The first doesn't count."

"The second one isn't."

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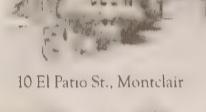


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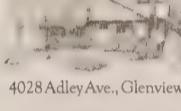
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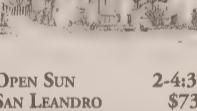


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MONTCLAIR \$747,000

5666 SOBRANTE ROAD

Spacious and charming home in Montclair with patio, and yard, 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths. Walk to swim club & school. The kids will love it; you'll love the price! Photos and virtual tour on website. www.MaryJaneMcConville.com

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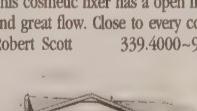


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SAN LEANDRO \$739,000

574 SUPERIOR AVENUE

Scrumptious 3bedroom, 1.5 bath Tudor with clinker brick details, mahogany doors and trim, rumpus room, office and English country garden—very special!

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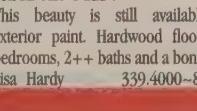
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Dont miss your opportunity to live in one of Oaklands most coveted neighbor hoods.

This cosmetic fixer has a open floor plan and great flow. Close to every convenience.

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114 OLIVE AVENUE

Rose garden view. Delightful mid-century cottage, updated 2 bedroom, 2 bath with large bonus room. Inviting back yard. Master suite.

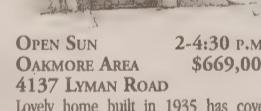
Jack Brenneman 339.8400-339.4557

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MONTCLAIR \$679,000

5607 MERREWOOD DRIVE

2 BD, 2 BA restoration hardware style home exudes rustic elegance with hardwood floors, great floor plan, upgrades throughout, and tranquil canyon views. Decks and large patio great for outdoor living/entertaining.

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OAKMORE AREA \$669,000

4137 LYMAN ROAD

Lovely home built in 1935 has coved ceilings, random plank hardwood, 2 fireplaces, and hand-hewn wood doors. Bright kitchen with breakfast room, master suite or fabulous rumpus room. Big level back yard. See photos at PatriciaBennett.com



OPEN SUN 2-4:00 P.M.
MONTCLAIR \$639,000

6123 DONCASTER

Mid-century 3bd/2ba contemporary in Sylmar setting. Newly ref HWB, FP, Spacious eat-in-kitchen, attached garage with large workshop space. Quiet cul-de-sac and close to Montclair.

Rosie Nysaether 339.8400-339.4567



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REDWOOD HEIGHTS \$635,000

54 SERENO CIRCLE

Sharp townhouse with new kitchen and bath, panoramic view of S.F. and bay. Great location, walk to shopping. See photos and virtual tour at PatriciaBennett.com

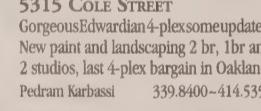
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OPEN SUN 2-4:30 P.M.
OAKMORE \$599,000

3901 LYMAN

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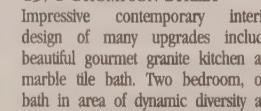


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OAKLAND \$449,000

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MELROSE \$389,000

4576 THOMPSON STREET

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ELMHURST \$369,000

1322 83RD AVENUE

2+ bedrooms, 1 bath, completely renovated. Granite counter tops, new appliances, doubled paned windows, new carpeting, refinished hardwood floors, and freshly painted inside and out.

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Unusual & creative grid designed by John Hudson 1913 & Cottage on 2 parcels continuous Japanese garden kitchens, baths, panoramic

Mary Hanna 339.8400

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Charming brown shingle 2+1,1+1, space, character. Big yard and hardwood floors and is Arnold Mueller

OAKLAND \$600

SFR used as a duplex in neighborhood w/patio 1br each unit, recently huge 7175 sq ft lot, 2nd Ken Nwokedi

GLENVIEW \$600

2+BD/BA 1911 Brown Shingle spacious, enchanting yards. Beautiful original hardwood floors, fireplace, updated bath and location; close to shops and is Nahid Nassiri 339.8400

SAN LEANDRO \$600

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MONTCLAIR \$600

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OAKLAND 5214 EAST Excellent live/work 3 offices/bedrooms, common area. Full bath, new roof, alarm system & roll up door. 3100 sqft. Ken Nwokedi

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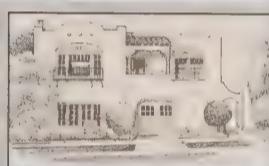
Sold Masterpiece **\$3,950,000**
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Sunday 2-4:30 **\$1,350,000**
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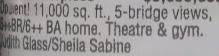
Sunday 2-6 **\$749,000**
1726 Stuart, Berkeley. 2 home/lot. 4BR/1.5BA Victorian & 2BR/1BA modern, 2 gar. Gregory Garrett (510) 868-1523



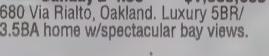
Sunday 2-5 **\$539,000**
1621-1625 E 38 St., Oakland. Adorable Glenview duplex, upr 2BR/1BA, lwr 1BR/1BA. Dolores Thom (510) 834-2010



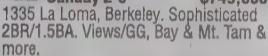
Sunday 2-5 **\$519,000**
1209 Delaware, Berkeley. 2BR/1BA. Sweet home. Close to BART & 4th St. Jake McTigue (510) 868-1400



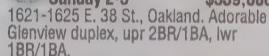
Sunday 2-4:30 **\$1,750,000**
7112 Marlborough Terrace, Berkeley. Striking 3BR/3.5BA custom Mediterranean. Heidi Marchesotti (510) 339-9290



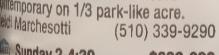
Sunday 2-4 **\$849,000**
1453 Washington Ave., Albany. Big 2 story, 3BR/2+BA, custom & extras. Gloria/Alex (510) 527-9800 x122



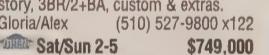
Sat/Sun 2-5 **\$749,000**
1726 Stuart, Berkeley. 2 home/lot. 4BR/1.5BA Victorian & 2BR/1BA modern, 2 gar. Gregory Garrett (510) 868-1523



Sunday 2-5 **\$529,000**
2911 King St., Berkeley. 3BR/1BA brown shingle, move-in cond. Melitta Beeson (510) 455-0502



Sunday 2-4:30 **\$1,950,000**
5747 Buena Vista, Oakland. Upper Rockridge, 4200 sq. ft., 5+BR/3.5BA traditional. Heidi Marchesotti (510) 339-9290



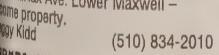
Sunday 2-4 **\$745,000**
1227 International, Oakland. Fab Victorian 3BR/2BA plus income. Cynthia Zheng (510) 376-3700



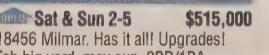
Sunday 2-4 **\$660,000**
15321 Central Ave., San Leandro. Well maintained duplex in nice neighborhood. Mayling Trinh (510) 834-2010



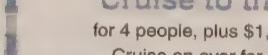
Sunday 2-4:30 **\$595,000**
2626 Grant, Richmond. Tri-ply, great location. All units rented. Claudia Estaban (510) 527-9800



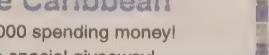
Sunday 2-4 **\$319,000**
2730 Oak Rd. #55, Walnut Creek. Poolside charmer, 1BR/1BA, patio & frplc. Arthur White (510) 868-1400



Sunday 2-4:30 **\$750,000**
Duplex, 1084 55th Street, Oakland. Pkg/bkd. Jackie Luckett (510) 428-0900



Sunday 2-4 **\$975,000**
747-749 55th St., Oakland. Fabulous 4plex. New carpet & paint, units can be used as 2BR. Prk, large rear yd. 3 units vacant. Just listed. Mayling Trinh (510) 834-2010

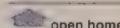
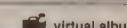


Sunday 2-4:30 **\$749,500**
5309 El Camille Ave., Oakland. Res/com 3-plex, grt opportunity! Charm!! Graceffa/Roberts (510) 845-0211

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Amerisave Mortgage Corp. 877-464-5218	30-yr Fixed 5,280 . . . 0.000 DOC# 0088592 Fees=\$1223	30-yr Fxd Jumbo 5,750 . . . 0.000 5,757 . . . 30	3/1 ARM 4,378 . . . 0.000 5,716 . . . 30	5/1 ARM 4,625 . . . 0.000 5,590 . . . 30
Bay Area Funding 925-930-3100	30-yr Fixed 5,126 . . . 1.000 5,301 . . . 30	30-yr Fxd Jumbo 5,500 . . . 1.000 5,635 . . . 35	1st Time 5/1 ARM 4,000** . . . 1.000 4,165 . . . 35	1st TIME BUYER 30 YR Fix after subsidy Subsidy, Income & price limits 100%OK
CMG Mortgage Services 800-958-5339	30-yr Fixed 6,125 . . . 0.875 5,256 . . . 30	30-yr Fxd Jumbo 5,375 . . . 1.125 5,502 . . . 30	3/1 ARM Jumbo 4,125 . . . 1.500 4,275 . . . 30	5/1 ARM Jumbo 4,500 . . . 1.250 4,631 . . . 30
Countrywide Home Loans 877-944-3400	30-yr Fixed call...	30-yr Fxd Jumbo 5,621 . . . 30	Pay Option ARM call...	5/1 ARM Jumbo call...
cltch.com 800-616-8208	30-yr Fixed 6,126 . . . 2.000 5,423 . . . 30	30-yr Fxd Jumbo 5,375 . . . 2.000 5,621 . . . 30	15-yr Fixed 4,500 . . . 2.000 5,003 . . . 30	15-yr Fxd Jumbo 4,875 . . . 2.000 5,288 . . . 30
Downey Savings & Loan 800-798-2148	30-yr Fixed 5,260 . . . 0.875 5,355 . . . 45	30-yr Fxd Jumbo 5,500 . . . 1.500 5,651 . . . 45	1-mo COFI ARM 1,000** . . . 1.000 5,341 . . . 45	Se habla Espanol. Your mortgage solution. Delivered. Apply now at www.downneysavings.com
E Mortgage Management 877-793-1400	30-yr Fixed 5,375 . . . 0.000 5,464 . . . 45	30-yr Fxd Jumbo 5,750 . . . 0.000 5,790 . . . 45	5/1 ARM** 1,750** . . . 0.000 2,110 . . . 80	*pot neg am: 100% refl. purch. or con. Free approval! Credit problem experts! M-F 8-8, Sat-Sun 8-4
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Golden Gate Home Loans 877-246-5899	30-yr Fixed 5,250 . . . 0.000 5,324 . . . 30	30-yr Fxd Jumbo 5,600** . . . 0.000 5,633 . . . 30	3/1 ARM Jumbo 4,875** . . . 0.000 4,907 . . . 30	*30 F: 700 FICO **30 J: 31 ARM J: 700 FICO 3 yr pres ***Post Neg. Am. Pmt. on \$500K-\$1M
Imperial Mortgage 800-961-2274	30-yr Fixed 5,126 . . . 1.000 6,330 . . . 30	30-yr Fxd Jumbo 5,500 . . . 1,000 5,690 . . . 30	3/1 ARM I/O 4,000 . . . 1,000 4,190 . . . 30	DON'T BE "LURED IN" BY LOW QUOTES Q ME FOR AN HONEST, LOCKABLE RATE! F WHY I GET TONS OF REFERRALS! RATES!
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Venstar Financial 866-580-6771	30-yr Fixed 5,250 . . . 0.000 5,339 . . . 30	30-yr Fxd Jumbo 5,625 . . . 0.000 5,665 . . . 30	5/1 ARM Jumbo 5,000 . . . 0.000 5,058 . . . 30	We'll beat any bank's rate! 100% financing available! Also do Nevada/Oregon/Colorado loans
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PIEDMONT - OPEN SUNDAY 2 - 4:30



50 SOTELO AVENUE \$2,850,000
Stunning Piedmont Colonial w/three levels of gracious living & views. 5BR/4.5BA+library, sun room, rumpus/family room & more. Beautiful gardens. Sandra Vogl

190 SANDRINGHAM RD. \$1,800,000
A beautifully redesigned & spacious home on a quiet cul-de-sac. Fabulous master suite, huge kitchen/family room. Au-pair suite. 4BR/4+BA. Angela Wei Grubb

89 CAMBRIDGE WAY \$810,000
Ultra charming & spacious! 2BR/1BA, generous plus room, updated kitchen, remodeled bath, lovely garden & garage. Very convenient location. Anne Van Dyke

OAKLAND & ALAMEDA - OPEN SUNDAY 2 - 4:30



5801 BUENA VISTA AVE \$1,850,000
An exquisite Mediterranean. French doors to charming patio. 4BR/3.5BA. Lower level family room opens to a second patio & garden. Bayviews. Anthony Riggins

1061 HUBERT ROAD \$1,049,000
Charming English in Crocker Highlands. 3BR, plus room & office. French panes & bay windows. Elegant kitchen/family room. Rear garden w/Tuscan flair. Judith Cain

6725 SIMS DRIVE \$859,000
Sophisticated Sea Ranch style home. Contemporary designer remodel. Chef's kitchen. Spa-like master bath. Home is nestled into private tree-lined street near Montclair Village. Hope Broderick

26 SHAWNEE COURT \$1,249,000
Gorgeous level-in traditional w/lovely gardens & fabulous pool. Elegant details & terrific floorplan. Family room opens to pool area. 4BR/4BA + office/work-out room over the garage. Elizabeth Dickson

5345 ESTATES DRIVE \$925,000
Sunny & bright traditional home with a wonderful open feeling. Lovely hardwood floor. Level out to charming garden. Cheery eat-in kitchen. Office/ or possible 4th BR downstairs. Anian Petit Tunney

33 LANE COURT \$1,095,000
Piedmont side of Montclair. Fabulous Oakland Hills oasis. Custom built 3+BR/2.5BA. Expansive San Francisco and city views. Beautiful lush and very private garden. Quiet cul-de-sac. Karen Starr

3 OYSTER SHOALS \$920,000
ALAMEDA. Open Sat & Sun. Covered Doolittle model in Harbor Bay Isle. Lovely, spacious 4BR/3BA + huge bonus rooms. Updated kitchen; family room leads to an inviting patio/garden. Close to lagoon & shops. Anne Van Dyke

4231 GREGORY STREET \$699,000
Charming, inviting & extensively renovated 3BR/3BA home w/updated kitchen, living room w/cathedral ceilings, den, two fireplaces and level garden. Dana Cohen

5901 LEONA STREET \$769,000
Wonderful "Montclair environment" located in the Leona Heights neighborhood. Stunning views, stylish home with five real bedrooms and four real bathrooms. Katherine Cooper/Mary Merrick



BERKELEY - OPEN SUNDAY 2 - 4:30



1122 BESITO AVENUE \$1,500,000
Spectacular modern architecture w/big Bay views and ultimate privacy. 3BR/2.5BA & study. Attached garage. Rare and beautiful! Faye Keogh

744 GRIZZLY PEAK \$998,000
Gorgeous traditional home w/panoramic Bay views. 3BR/2BA. Excellent floorplan w/family room that opens to lovely garden. Great location. Ruth Frassetto

717 SPRUCE STREET \$850,000
Magical original details & beautiful; updating. 3BR/2.5BA, formal dining room, large kitchen/family room opens to patio & gardens. Bebe McRae

16 ROBLE ROAD \$1,195,000
Secluded one-level contemporary (c. 1949) in the Claremont neighborhood. Gorgeous gardens! Ultimate indoor-outdoor living. 1+BR/2BA. P. Templeton/F. Keogh

2736 WEBSTER STREET \$995,000
Located in the heart of Elmwood & Claremont. 3+BR/3BA updated home (c. 1911) w/classic details. Four garages. Near shops. Beautiful! Michael Friedman

2224 ROSE STREET \$849,000
Completely renovated traditional w/original charm intact. Kitchen w/breakfast room. Hardwood floors, fireplace & private garden. Bettina Balestrieri

420 KENTUCKY AVENUE \$1,150,000
Architect designed chef's kitchen. Family/media room. 4+BR/3.5BA. Office. Guest/au-pair suite. Level gardens. Stunning art-deco terraces. Hot tub. Chris Cohn

2012 MARIN AVENUE \$945,000
Wonderful spacious home w/ breathtaking Bay views. 4BR/3.5BA, study. Kitchen & separate breakfast room. Living & dining room lead to deck. Helene Barkin

744 KEELER AVENUE \$825,000
Romantic jewel in the North Berkeley hills! Beautiful Bay views! 3BR, family room, office, 1.5BA, attached garage & level garden. Close to Tilden Park. Carolyn Jones

KENSINGTON, RICHMOND & EL CERRITO - OPEN SUNDAY 2 - 4:30



233 YALE AVENUE \$825,000
KENSINGTON. Spacious traditional. Updated 4BR/2BA. Bonus room. Private large garden. Bay views. Close to Kensington Village & Hilltop School. Diane Verducci

3935 SELMI GROVE \$699,000
RICHMOND. Beautiful 5-yr-old Country Club vista home at Hilltop. Extra large lot w/big garden. Like new condition w/upgrades. Great value & location! Ed Kuo

642 NORVELL STREET \$465,000
EL CERRITO. Lovely 2BR/1BA home w/style in a beautiful creekside setting. Expansive gardens & easy access to shops & dining & transportation. The Ratcliffes

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SEA VIEW \$8,185,000
PIEDMONT. Grand neo-classic estate by Willis Polk. Gorgeous gardens w/lawns, terraces, pool & fountain. Fabulous architectural details. Angela Wei Grubb

CROCKER HIGHLANDS \$1,095,000
OAKLAND. A magnificent estate in Crocker Highlands. This French Provincial home features 5+BR/2.5BA & a beautiful large property. Needs TLC. D. Cohen/T. Swift

LINCOLN HEIGHTS \$699,000
OAKLAND. Attractive details throughout this 3BR/1.5BA home. Eat-in kitchen, hardwood floors, great back garden & expansive Bay & city views. Angela Wei Grubb

ALBERT FARR ESTATE \$3,850,000
PIEDMONT. Nested among tall redwoods, this home was designed by Albert Farr & constructed by Alex Cederborg. A once in a lifetime opportunity. Anian Petit Tunney

CLAREMONT HILLS \$1,080,000
BERKELEY. A charming traditional 3BR/3BA in the Claremont Hills. Open floor plan w/family room & master suite. Wonderful canyon views & decks. Elizabeth Dickson

REDWOOD HEIGHTS \$649,000
OAKLAND. Very special country feel hideaway. 3BR/2Ba. Handsome redwood deck w/spa & sauna. Two-car detached garage w/workshop. Nancy Lehrkind

MEDITERRANEAN \$2,950,000
PIEDMONT. This magnificent Mediterranean (c. 1929) offers gracious living w/5BR, SF views & wonderful architectural details throughout. J. Simmons/A. Tunney

NORTH BERKELEY \$625,000
PIEDMONT. Live/work in this 4BR/2BA flat upstairs w/space for a business downstairs. Separate 2BR1BA cottage. Secluded garden level out from shop. Bettina Balestrieri

CHARMING BUNGALOW \$419,500
OAKLAND. Updated & spacious bungalow in Lower Dimond w/covered porch entry. Living & dining room w/built-ins, 2BR & landscaped garden. Helene Barkin

PIEDMONT TRADITIONAL \$2,150,000
PIEDMONT. Gracious & lovely traditional. 3BR + office share upper level. 4th BR & rumpus down. Kitchen/family room opens to patio & garden. Mindy Scott

PIEDMONT TRADITIONAL \$949,000
PIEDMONT. Two-story SF style traditional. Great location near Beach School. Close to shops & dining. Manicured lawn & garden. 3+BR/2.5BA. Katherine Cooper

LAND FOR SALE

KENSINGTON \$1,700,000
Build your dream home on this spectacular lot with gorgeous views. Private & quiet. Faye Keogh

GARDEN DRIVE LOT \$650,000
Exceptional property on "Maybeck Hill", close to Tilden Park & Hilltop School. Outstanding views! T. Swift

PIEDMONT TRADITIONAL \$1,295,000
PIEDMONT. Spacious traditional home. Gracious formal rooms, updated eat-in kitchen, 3+BR up & rumpus room down. Beautiful gardens. Mindy Scott

CENTRAL PIEDMONT \$849,000
PIEDMONT. Classic Piedmont traditional w/hardwood floors, updated kitchen, 2BR plus sunroom, enclosed porch & two bonus rooms. Close to schools. Debbi DiMaggio

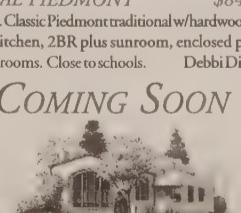
6623 CHELTON DRIVE \$769,000
OAKLAND. Architect designed w/dramatic soaring ceiling in the living & dining rooms. Updated kitchen w/garden terrace. Bonus room w/built-ins. Debra J. Dryden

GRANDVIEW DRIVE \$3,750,000
OAKLAND. On a knoll high in the Oakland/Berkeley hills w/an astounding panoramic view. Library, wine cellar, sauna & high-tech security. Debra J. Dryden

1436 TRESTLE GLEN RD. \$849,000
OAKLAND. Enjoy the charm and style of this 3BR/2BA Crocker Highlands home. Updated kitchen w/breakfast area & a deep park-like garden. Linda McClain

10 MOSS AVENUE \$349,000
OAKLAND. Sleek, stylish two bedroom condominium in move-in condition is close to Rosegarden, Piedmont Ave & transportation. Michelle Winchester

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1 ALTA AVENUE CALL FOR PRICE
PIEDMONT. This romantic Mediterranean home enjoyed a total renovation. Fabulous Bay & Golden Gate bridge views. Deck & level garden w/lawn. Angela Wei Grubb

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FOR THE PUBLIC**Improved Economy**

Home mortgage interest rates are rising at a pace slower than expected. This trend may persist through next year, sustaining the robust sales of homes. The National Association of Realtors released this

prediction. According to the NAR chief economist, the effect in an improved economy is a higher demand for houses. How much is your home worth? Ask your local Realtor for a free market analysis.

Tales Told

"Our Houses", from unusual architecture to Victorian classics, the Alameda Museum provides slide lectures narrated by Bay area authors. The next lecture, "Tales of the Alameda Architectural Preservation Society" is 7 p.m., Thursday, June

30. The tales are told by Denise Brady and Christopher Buckley & Company. For tickets call 510-748-0796 or visit alamedamuseum.org.

Help Wanted

The Oakland Association of Realtors sends out a call for volunteers. This year's National Association of Realtor's Habitat project is in Oakland. Build Dates are held monthly on the first Wednesday of the month. The next workday is July 6. Six associations are involved in building this home including the

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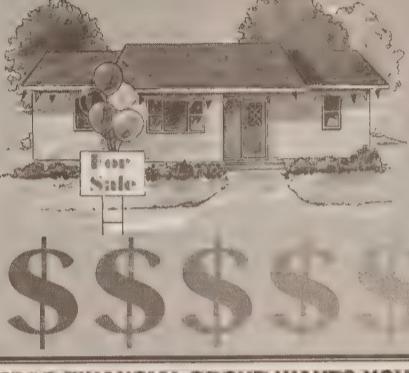
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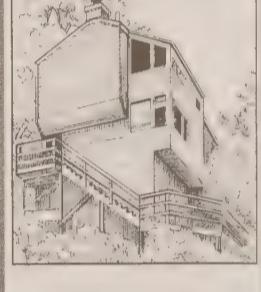
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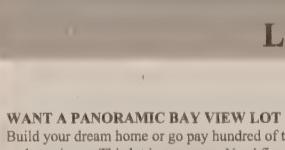


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Associated Real Property Brokers (ARB), the Oakland chapter of the National Association of Residential Real Estate Brokers recently held its Annual Awards Gala. The group awards scholarships and housing opportunities to this year's scholarship winners. In addition to the annual awards, the group also held a networking event in the revival of a San Francisco Chapter. Realtor Herb Allard, President of Pacific Union invites real estate professionals to attend a Networking Luncheon, Thursday, June 23rd at the Delancy Street Restaurant, 341-8881 to RSV.

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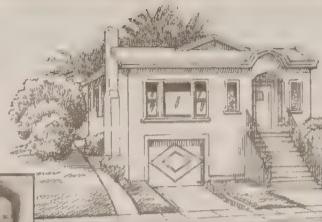
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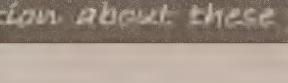
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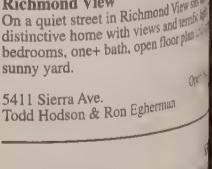
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SPORTS

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Section C

Golfer Barkow displays some magic



JOANNA JHANDA/STAFF

ADAM BARKOW points to his "magical" club after chipping in for eagle. The Albany High student shot a 143 over two days.

■ Three chip-in birdies help the Albany student place second in the 16-17 division at the East Bay Junior Tournament

By Robert Jordan

STAFF WRITER

ALAMEDA — After Adam Barkow chipped in a 40-foot shot for birdie on the 12th hole, the Albany High School student pointed to the spectators and said, "It's magical."

Barkow wasn't referring to the shot, but the club he used to sink the shot.

And the way he played Tuesday during the final round of the 70th annual East Bay Junior Tournament at the Cluck Corica Golf Complex, Barkow might be right about the club.

The Cougars' No. 1 golfer this past season, Barkow used the club to chip in three birdies en route to a 1-over par 72 and a two-day total of 143 — good enough for second place in the boys 16-17 division and the third-best overall boys score.

"Unbelievable, I chipped in three times with my gap wedge," Barkow said. "The (shot) on 12 was a good one."

After sticking his drive off the 366-yard, par-4 12th hole down

the middle of the fairway, Barkow set himself up for the birdie with an iron shot that landed two feet from the green.

"I have played this course many times," Barkow said. "It is an easy course, so there is no excuse for over par. I turned a day that should have been easily a 66 or 67 into my day with the wedge."

Barkow also birdied 5, 8 and 17 during the final round.

However, Barkow spent the final round chasing Bishop O'Dowd's Andrew Wood, who shot a 70 in the first round and a 71 on Tuesday to finish with a 141 and the boys 16-17-year-old title.

But Barkow, Wood and the rest of the boys field played

catch-up to Arroyo's Miguel Camitoc.

Camatoc, playing in the 14-15 year-old division, shot a 65 on Monday and a 69 during the final round to finish with a 134 and the overall boys title. Camitoc sank seven birdies during the first round and five during the final round to rebound from a 80 and 77 during last year's tournament.

"I just worked hard this year and it paid off," Camitoc said. "I was just making a lot of putts from everywhere."

Berkeley resident Christopher Briones shot a 85 during the final round and a 82 the first day to finish 19th with a 167 in the boys 12-13 year-old division.

Albany teams move on

By Phil Jensen

STAFF WRITER

Both the Albany Junior League and Little League Baseball Major division squads moved into Wednesday's semifinal round of the California District 4 Tournament of Champions. Results of Tuesday's games were unavailable at press time.

Albany's Junior squad won its opening tournament game 8-3 against Pittsburgh National on Monday.

Starting pitcher Nick Knecht threw three scoreless innings, and Kenji Quides allowed an unearned run in the next two innings.

Albany broke a scoreless tie in the top of the third inning, after McFadin got a single and a second. Jamal Freeman hammered a triple to left field to score McFadin. Quides then hit a sacrifice fly to center field to end Albany's lead.

In the top of the fifth inning, leading 1-0, Freeman led off the inning with a double down the left field line. Freeman eventually scored on a double by Nana

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Berkeley's sonet places 75th

By Dave Carpenter

STAFF WRITER

Berkeley High School's Kadriou was the top girl finisher Sunday in the Dick House Memorial Woodminster Race at Aquin Miller Park in Oak-

land. She ran the 9-mile course in 1:48, 18 minutes and 13 seconds. She was 75th overall out of 160 who finished the race.

Sunday's cross country race through the Oakland Hills was 75th annual and the final leg of the East Bay Triple Crown.

On Tilden Park Tough Ten miles) and the Lake Chabot Challenge (13.5) were the parts of the triple crown.

On Saturday, the Bay Area Assassins and the Central Coast Barnstormers met at Pinole Valley High School in an AAA conference semifinal, a rematch of a game played earlier this year in which the Assassins defeated the Barnstormers 28-14.



DEAN COPPOLA/STAFF

BAY AREA Assassins receiver Melvin Johnson (1) tries to get past Central Coast's Derrick Morrison during the Assassins' 20-18 loss Saturday at Pinole Valley High School.

Barnstormers knock off Assassins

■ Central Coast team wins AAA semifinal at Pinole Valley High

By Ben Enos

CORRESPONDENT

PINOLE — To the casual football fan, the only gridiron action in June comes in the form of scrimmages and workout sessions. For those who watch the Golden State Amateur Football League, however, the football season has just kicked into high gear.

On Saturday, the Bay Area Assassins and the Central Coast Barnstormers met at Pinole Valley High School in an AAA conference semifinal, a rematch of a game played earlier this year in which the Assassins defeated the Barnstormers 28-14.

Consider that loss avenged. Behind a defense that caused five turnovers and an 86-yard rushing performance by running back Derrick Morrison, the Barnstormers held off a fourth-quarter surge by the Assassins to win 20-18 and advance to the conference final.

The Barnstormers (8-4) struck first after current Assassin and former Berkeley High School running back Keith Stephens fumbled on his own 20-yard line to give the Barnstormers great field position. After a personal foul call on the Assassins, running back Tommy Jimenez found the end zone from 4 yards out, putting the Barnstormers in the lead early.

After the teams traded touchdowns in the second quarter, the Assassins (7-4) started the third quarter on fire as Barnstormers

quarterback David Flores fumbled the ball on his own 12-yard line. Stephens would use the next play to find paydirt himself, rushing the rest of the way and bringing the Assassins to within two points at 14-12.

The Assassins entered the fourth quarter down by eight points (20-12), but scored quickly as former Contra Costa College quarterback Ralph Palma found ex-El Cerrito High School tight end Jamaal Cotright in the back of the end zone for a 4-yard touchdown pass.

The Assassins entered the

On the two-point attempt, former Pinole Valley running back Jevon Bell found the end zone, only to see the play negated by a holding call. The Barnstormers would stop the ensuing pass to seal the eventual winning margin.

The reversal in fortunes for the two teams was explained after the game by Palma as being a matter of intensity and fire, something the Barnstormers kicked up a notch this time around.

"They came out today and said 'OK, you punched us in the mouth and you gave us your best and now we're coming at it.' They were hungry today," he said.

Former Berkeley High wide receiver Melvin Johnson led the Assassins offense with four catches for 113 yards. Stephens and Ernest Carson also combined for 50 yards on the ground for the Assassins.

Assassins just wanted another shot

By Phil Jensen

STAFF WRITER

It was quite simple why Arone Holmes decided to start the Bay Area Assassins semi-pro football team in 2004.

"I played semi-pro for several years, and I wasn't pleased with some shoddy organizations, so I decided I would like to start my own team," said the 43-year-old

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BASEBALL

Lamorinda Baseball Club - Tryouts for 12U tournament team July 26-Aug. 2, 5-7 p.m. at Burton Valley School, Lafayette. Players welcome from Alameda and Contra Costa counties. Players born in May-July of 1993 are eligible. Rick Rider, 925-260-4196, ridder@onionpacific.com; Dave Rabin, 510-206-7686, mmrbabin@sbcglobal.net. Visit www.lamorindabaseball.org

Oakland A's Summer Camp - Baseball skills training camp 9 a.m.-3 p.m. July 25-29 for ages 8-13 at Caldecott Tunnel Field, Berkeley. Hosted by Dave Henderson and the Berkeley Lions, a non-profit sponsor of the Oakland A's baseball camps. \$325; includes jersey, tickets and guest appearances. Benefits the Berkeley Lions. Mike Adney, 510-528-4756. Visit <http://henducamp.home-steed.com/page1.html>.

Football

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semi-pro league in California," Holmes said.

The team draws players from throughout the Bay Area, including graduates of Berkeley, El Cerrito, Albany, Skyline and Encinal. The Bay Area Assassins' 2005 season started April 2. They played 10 regular-season games before the playoffs. The squad won the AAA National Conference South Division with a 3-0 record, were 6-1 in conference play and 7-3 overall in the regular season.

Jevon Bell, a 1996 Pinole Valley graduate, explains succinctly what drives him and his teammates to play semi-pro football.

"It's the love of the game that has us out here, sweating, bleeding, doing what we love," said the 28-year-old warehouseman.

The players do not get paid. It is a pay-to-play league, Holmes said. "They are working-class guys

or fperez@contracosta.edu.

BASKETBALL

University Hoops - Summer coed fundamental basketball clinic runs June 20-23 at Contra Costa Community College, 2600 Mission Bell Drive, San Pablo. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. for grades 4-7; 2-6 p.m. for grades 8-12. \$100. Benefits El Cerrito High School boys and girls basketball program. Coach Scott, 510-472-6374; Coach Williams, 510-376-0425.

East Bay Xplosion - Summer Phenom Camp for girls grades 4-8, 9 a.m.-noon, Aug. 8-12 at Alameda Naval Air Station Gym in Alameda. \$185. Mark Anger, 209-380-5440; Sarah Burns 925-677-5364. Visit www.leagueup.com/ebx.

SOCCER

San Pablo Lady Cyclones - 19U girls class III team looking to fill out roster for 2005 fall season. Players must be born between Aug. 1, 1986 and July 31, 1990. Victor, 510-697-2245.

Contra Costa College - Contra Costa College women's soccer team will host a girls soccer clinic 5:30-8 p.m. July 18-21 at the college fields, 2600 Mission Bell Drive, San Pablo. Open to ages 7-14, \$65. Benefits the Contra Costa College women's soccer team. Call for registration form. Felicia Perez, 510-235-7800 ext. 4405

SOFTBALL

Oakland Vipers tryouts - 16U A traveling team looking for pitchers ages 14-16 with high school or tournament team experience. Must be born in 1988 or later to be eligible for ASA tournaments. Paul Keener, 510-677-0533.

JOBS

Clayton Valley Eagles Baseball Club - Qualified coaches sought for new 13U competitive tournament baseball team for fall 2005 season. Bob Banks, 925-672-0418, jr_eagles@hotmail.com. Visit www.eteamz.com/jr-eagles

De Anza High School - Looking for girls water polo head coach, junior varsity girls and boys volleyball head coach, varsity girls basketball head coach, junior varsity boys and girls soccer head coaches, junior varsity softball head coach and assistant varsity softball coach. Mail, fax or e-mail letter of introduction, resume and three letters of recommendation. Jason Krolowski, Athletic Director, De Anza High School, 5000 Valley View Rd., Richmond, Ca., 94803. Fax: 510-233-7984. 510-223-3811 ext. 2535 or DAathletics@aol.com.

ence South Division with a 3-0 record, were 6-1 in conference play and 7-3 overall in the regular season.

Holmes said that he got the idea for the team name when he saw a picture of the Grim Reaper on a white horse.

"It sounds like a professional name. I'm asked, 'Why would you pick a name like that?'" Holmes said. "Thinking about how football is played ... Assassins are disciplined, strong, quiet, have great vision, everything is supposed to be."

The players do not get paid. It is a pay-to-play league, Holmes said. "They are working-class guys

a 3-2 win over Clayton Valley in seven innings on Saturday. Kelvin McGuire pitched the first six innings, allowing only three hits and striking out 14. Kyle Harty-Strang pitched a final shutout inning for the win.

A double by Jesse Santos followed by an RBI single by Avi Rosenblum opened Albany's scoring in the first inning. Rosenblum also drove in a run in the third inning with a single.

Oscar Escobar led off the bottom of the seventh with a walk, was sacrificed to second by Sean Scott, and scored on a single by Brian Bernard.

Albany then beat Walnut Creek

4-2 on Monday. In the first inning, the first four Albany hitters reached base. Santos led off with a single, then Bernard doubled to put runners on second and third. McGuire walked and Will Brady also walked to force in a run. Rosenblum then drove in a run with a single. A third run was scored on an RBI walk by Justin Maxwell. Albany scored its other run in the fifth inning when Maxwell scored on a wild pitch.

Bernard started at pitcher and threw six innings, striking out 14 in a complete-game effort. He allowed two earned runs and five hits. Albany faced Alameda on Wednesday.

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DEVIL MOUNTAIN TOURNAMENT
JUNE 18-19
Sting Blue: Despite a dearth of victories at this tournament, Sting 14 Blue returned with many notable highlights from their games.

Elizabeth Tulsky pitched the team out of a couple of tight spots, including a bases-loaded, no-out jam. Catcher Johanna Heyer tagged a runner out at home, then fired the ball to Lila Hubbard at second for a double play. Hubbard, after getting on base with a solid hit, eventually stole home.

Hannah Veeringa was outstanding both defensively at first base and offensively, producing multiple too-hot-to-handle hits.

Adriana Stevens snagged a difficult fly ball in the field. Kate Carter and Helen Masson each made several spectacular outfield catches.

Anything hit to the left side was swiftly attacked by the duo of third baseman Abby Ridley-Kerr and shortstop Kate MacDonald. Kate Atkinson kept the team going with her batting.

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Senior women's high game/series: 1. Ouida Davis, 198/575; 2. Marie Hilliard, 199/555; 3. Evelyn Clayton, 205/545; 4. Verna Dabney, 201/541

Last week's results

Men's high game/series: (4 games) 1. Roland Castellano, 267/880; 2. Stephen 277/875; 3. Tom Tanc 238/828; 4. Lee 235/756; 5. Louie 205/745; 6. Louie 237/585; 3. Lee 210/609; 2. Mike 211/551; 4. Vic 5. Brenda Willan

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THE ADVENTURES OF SHARKY AND LAVAGIRL (3-D)*: In this adventure, kacki-kacking Sharky and fire-spewing Lavagirl enlist their Max to save their magical land, controlled by an evil presence in the henchman, Mr. Electric (George Lopez). Unfortunately, the story was dreamt up by director Robert Rodriguez's son, and though Dad gave the screen a final polish, it still clearly shows a child — full of imagination, utterly lacking in character development, pacing and narrative consistency. — R. Butler. (PG; mild action, some rude humor.) 1 hour, 25 minutes. D

APEs VOU*: In this French comedy, a small Apeule plays a wailer who wants a man from committing suicide so he feels obliged to solve all his problems. He discovers that being a good Samaritan has its price, particularly charming and peppered with a couple of hilarious scenes, but mostly the premise wears very thin. — M. Pols. (R; language.) 1 hour, 30 minutes. C+

MAN BEGINS*: Director Christopher Nolan supplies the back story behind not just the Batmobile, but the psyche of the Caped

Crusader. The story starts slow and temporarily gets bogged down in psychological drivel before turning into a very dark and fun action movie. Christian Bale is a natural, just weird enough to be the best Batman yet, and the strong supporting cast includes a lovely turn by Michael Caine as the trusted butler Alfred, as well as Morgan Freeman, gadget man Lucius Fox. — M. Pols. (PG-13; intense action violence, disturbing images and some thematic elements.) 2 hours, 10 minutes. B+

CINDERELLA MAN*: An out-of-season treat, Russell Crowe is in Oscar-worthy form as the humble boxer Jim Braddock, who, like Seabiscuit, provided inspiration for Americans during the Depression. The film was directed by Ron Howard, whose interest in inspiration tends to grate. Yes, this is like "A Beautiful Mind," an inspirational story, but Howard excels in telling of Braddock's gloomier times; that's the material that sticks and, thankfully, it's never maudlin. Paul Amato is winning in the role of Braddock's trainer, with Renee Zellweger as the boxer's devoted wife. — M. Pols. (PG-13; intense boxing violence, some language.) 2 hours, 22 minutes. A-

CRASH*: In the course of 24 hours, a group of Los Angeles residents wrestle with the demons of racism. Writer/director Paul Haggis (screenwriter of "Million Dollar Baby") wants to provoke a serious discourse, a noble goal. But the movie is heavy-handed, and, despite some brilliant scenes and strong acting from a great ensemble, is riddled with mistakes, particularly coincidences that border on the absurd. Ultimately, Haggis insults his audience by assuming he has to instruct us on everything about racism, as if merely to be alive in America today weren't already a primer. Still, flaws and all, well worth seeing. — M. Pols. (R; language, sexual content, some language.) 1 hour, 40 minutes. B-

THE DEAL*: This movie would like to be "Chinatown" for the oil-war era. But aside from its serpentine plot and Christian Slater doing the Jack Nicholson role, it fails. The setting is the near future, where a long-running war with an Arab country has pushed gas prices to \$6 a gallon. Interesting

— M. Pols. (G) 1 hour, 35 minutes. B-

HIGH TENSION*: In this French slasher flick, two students go to a

premise, but extraneous characters and subplots bog it down. — B. Strauss. (R; violence, language.) 1 hour, 47 minutes. C

DEEP BLUE*: This oceanographic documentary seems to touch on all the points worth knowing and more just for fun. Narrated by Pierce Brosnan, it takes more of an observational approach than an instructional one, sending the viewer to explore coral reefs, get caught in the middle of shark feeding frenzies, and meet penguins of the far south; polar bears of the far north, shoreline crabs and sea lion communities. Survival, death, beauty and terror are always intertwined, so the mesmerizing movie is never less than absorbing. — B. Strauss. (G; animal violence.) 1 hour, 20 minutes. D+

ENRON: THE SMARTEST GUYS IN THE ROOM*: An eye-opening film that puts the whole Enron scandal into focus. One that will likely have you stomping about afterward in righteous indignation at the crimes perpetrated by these corporate swindlers. Cleverly done, too, with a terrific soundtrack. — M. Pols. (NR; intense boxing violence, sex, some language.) 1 hour, 49 minutes. B+

HAPPILY EVER AFTER*: Everyone may be miserable in this funny, ribald, unexpectedly profound tale of two married men and their bachelor friend, but the joke and the tragedy is that they don't have to be. The mysterious fickleness of men is the dominant subject, and the movie is at its unerring best when it nails the separate lives of people who live together. Things so on too long, with one or two false peaks before an impulsively ambiguous ending. — T. Burn. (Not rated; language, adult sexuality; in French with subtitles.) 1 hour, 40 minutes. B+

HERBIE: FULLY LOADED*: Lindsay Lohan plays the infamous VW Bug's new owner, Maggie Peyton, a recent college graduate with fantasies of becoming a NASCAR driver. The film floats by on a pleasant cloud of nostalgia, partly for the Herbie some of us loved as kids, partly for the lost youth of Lohan, seen here in all her curvy, red-headed loveliness before her recent transformation to blond stick figure. — M. Pols. (G) 1 hour, 35 minutes. B-

HOWL'S MOVING CASTLE*: This animated film, which boasts emotional depth and mind-bending visuals, is mostly for adults. But by all means take the kids, even though they may have a hard time following the plot. The wizard Howl (Christian Bale) lives in an ambulatory home with a door that opens into any number of exits, including both sides of an ominously brewing war. Along the way, Howl's haunt picks up a straggler, Sophie (Emily Mortimer), a young woman transformed into an elderly woman who manages to help end the war, and reclaim Howl's lost soul and

country house to study but instead encounter a sex-crazed ogre with a big knife. The plot is simple and effective, but the gore is practically pornographic in its grossness. Moreover, the whole thing is rendered nearly unwatchable by a money-grubbing decision to dub much of it into English (using the world's worst voice actors), presumably for the teen crowd, which couldn't possibly be bothered to read subtitles. — M. Pols. (R; graphic bloody killings, terror, sex, some language and language.) 1 hour, 25 minutes. D+

THE HITCHHIKER'S GUIDE TO THE GALAXY*: Since Douglas Adams came up with the core story for this series in 1978, it has evolved from a radio play to a series of novels, a TV show and more. Serious fans may have quibbles, but as a newcomer I found this bit of comic science fiction witty, silly (in a good way) and cheering. A good-natured space romp for the whole family. — M. Pols. (PG; thematic elements, action and mild language.) B+

THE HONEYMOONERS*: Despite a valiant attempt to bring the Kramdens and Nortons into the 21st century with a new twist — an all-black cast — this remake of the 1950s sitcom still feels woefully outdated. Do we really want to sit through the incessant and inane bickering of the Kramdens or, for that matter, watch Ralph (Cedric the Entertainer) embroiled in a series of unfunny quests to get rich quick? Mike Epps makes a sweet Ed Norton and John Leguizamo extracts the precious few laughs in this dull enterprise. — M. Pols. (PG-13; some innuendo and rude humor.) 1 hour, 29 minutes. D

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BEWITCHED (PG-13) Nora Ephron puts a new spin on the old TV show, with Will Ferrell as a down-on-his-luck actor hoping to resuscitate the series. Nicole Kidman is the (real) witch he hires to play Samantha.

CATERINA IN THE BIG CITY (NR) In this Italian film, a girl from a seaside town in Tuscany moves to the big city and falls in with a sophisticated crowd.

5x2 (NR) From "Swimming Pool" director Francois Ozon, this is the story of a couple's relationship, told backward from their divorce to their courtship.

HEIGHTS (R) In this drama set on one Manhattan

her own innocence. Other voice artists include Lauren Bacall and Billy Crystal. — D. Krontz. (PG; frightening images, brief mild language.) 1 hour, 58 minutes. B+

THE INTERPRETER*: An old-fashioned thriller from director Sydney Pollack, the film is intelligently plotted, well-acted and of timely subject matter, but so diligent, it feels less exciting than it ought. Nicole Kidman plays a United Nations interpreter who overhears an assassination plot, which coincidentally involves the despot who rules her (fictional) native land in Africa. Sean Penn is the Secret Service agent who doesn't know whether to risk her or fall in love with her. Kidman is marvelous, but Penn is burdened by an unnecessary back story, and they lack chemistry. — M. Pols. (PG-13; violence, some sexual content and brief strong language.) 2 hours, 8 minutes. B-

KICKING & SCREAMING*: Will Ferrell's performance as a coach who whips a team of pre-adolescent soccer misfits into shape is bright enough to light up an overly familiar feel-good story. The actor has the ability to generate sudden flashes of humor, such as when his character, a reluctant youth league soccer coach, is experiencing long-suppressed rage at his father (Robert Duvall), a bulging man who coaches a far more successful squad. — M. O'Sullivan. (PG; crude humor, language.) 1 hour, 35 minutes. B

KUNG FU HUSTLE*: Writer-director Stephen Chow has created a hyper-animate fantasy world that honors kung fu movies as it satirizes them, and the similarities between it and a cartoon are entirely intentional. He samples classic comedy and neo-pop-infected sci-fi to come up with something that looks like the Marx Brothers meet "The Matrix." — B. Newman. (R; strong stylized action, violence in Cantonese and Mandarin with subtitles.) 1 hour, 39 minutes. B

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LADIES IN LAVENDER*: A meditation on loneliness and missed opportunities that urges us, gently, to live a little. The great actresses Judi Dench and Maggie Smith play elderly sisters who discover a young Polish man (Daniel Bruhl) washed up on the shore near their Cornwall cottage sometime between the Great Wars. Each becomes possessive of him and they bicker mightily over his care. With Natascha McElhone as a beautiful Russian artist who encroaches on their territory. — M. Pols. (PG-13; brief strong language.) 1 hour, 43 minutes. B-

MONSTER-IN-LAW*: Jane Fonda, returning to film after 15 years, plays the title character, a TV journalist who can't bear the idea of her precious dillard of a son (Michael Vartan) marrying a rapid temp (Jennifer Lopez). She does what she can to stop the wedding, with the wavering help of her embarrassingly stereotypical African-American sidekick (Wanda Sykes). J.L. fights back. Ugly, dumb slaps ensue. Every character is inconsistent and/or irritating, although Fonda almost holds her own. — M. Pols. (PG-13; sex references and language.) 1 hour, 45 minutes. B+

LAYER CAKE*: Another British movie about a gangster itching to get out of the business, stymied by "one last job." Fast-paced and glamorous in the most boring way, its chief rea-

son for being is as a showcase for Daniel Craig, a potential new James Bond. Given that he keeps us semi-interested in a tired bit of formula, he may have what that job requires. — M. Pols. (R; strong brutal violence, sexuality, nudity, perverse language, drug use.) 1 hour, 45 minutes. C-

THE LONGEST YARD*: An eighth-grade sense of humor isn't necessarily a horrible thing, but when you combine that with willful stupidity and laziness behind the camera, you get this painfully unnecessary remake. The film, about a former NFL star (originally Burt Reynolds, Adam Sandler this time) who goes to prison and organizes a team of convicts to play football against the sadistic guards, takes every joke and exaggerates it until it's no longer funny. With Chris Rock. — C. Vognat. (PG-13; language, violence, sexual content, crude humor.) 1 hour, 40 minutes. D

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CAL EVENTS — Free with general admission unless noted.

My Expositions! Living Traditions & Artifacts — June 26, 1 p.m. An afternoon for families to view the non-cultural traditions of the world, including performances by a American voodoo/percussionist, a Calypso ensemble, traditional Caribbean games, and arts and crafts inspired by Japanese and Latino cultures.

EXHIBITS — "Online Museum," Thursdays, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Exhibit museum's collection on exhibit in the History Department Library.

Gallery Tours, Saturday and Sunday.

Art Court, ongoing. Art docents of University of specialized tours focus on one aspect of the museum's permanent collection. Wednesday, 12:30 p.m. to 1 p.m. with museum admission.

Special Events — \$5 seniors and students; youth ages 5 and under; free to all the second Sunday of the month. Sunday, noon to 5 p.m.; first Sunday of the month, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. at Oak St., Oakland. 510-238-2200 or www.bampfa.berkeley.edu.

PARADE HOME MUSEUM — The Parade Mansion, a three-story villa built in 1888, was home to generations of the Parade family who were instrumental in the civic and cultural development of California. The home includes the grounds, water tower and barn. Recommended.

Free for children ages 12 and under. House Tours: Wednesday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday, noon, 1 p.m., 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. at 672 11th St., Oakland. 510-871-2200 or www.paradehome.org.

BERKELEY ART MUSEUM — "Europe Fellowship Awards 2004" through Aug. 14. An exhibit by 12 Bay Area artists who represent the Fleishacker Foundation's Fellowship, which recognizes excellence and the wide variety of arts and styles of Bay Area artists. Talks on June 12, 3 p.m., 2 p.m.

MATRIX 216 — "The Year of Exploration," closing June 26. A celebration by Slater Bradley.

Moral Models in Chinese and Japanese Painting, through July 24. An exhibition of 18th and 19th centuries explorations of Confucian thought on and societies of.

at the Museum, through July 24. Exploring blindness and the limits of optical experience.

Obituaries and Memoriam

Charlotte Emery

Emery died Saturday, May 2005 at the age of 86. She was a longtime resident of Kensington.

Loved by her daughters Rita and Susan Emery, Carole Johnson and her husband John Ken Emery and his wife Vickie, as well as her son Richard Siwinski, and daughter Rita Janke. Preceded in death by her loving husband Jim Emery (in 1981).

Funeral Services have been held with interment at Sunset Cemetery El Cerrito. The family requests that in lieu of memorial contributions be made to The Hall of Fame, 230 Shattuck, Berkeley, CA 94704.



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SIR,

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed in the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda, Case No. 34702, by ROBERT ELMER HATTON, Petitioner for Probate of the Estate of ELMER J. HATTON, deceased.

The PETITION requests that the court issue a probate of the above named estate.

The PETITION requests that the court appoint a personal representative to administer the estate.

The PETITION requests that the court issue an order of guardianship if any, as admitted to the probate of the above named estate.

The PETITION requests authority to administer the estate in accordance with the Probate Code and the Probate Act.

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most immediately, the young pianist had a different teacher, who was more interested in pop tunes and boogie-woogie. So Dibble went to band camp and music store owner Jim Dutton, who would take him "who had a good ear." They taught me for the years junior high to high school," he says. "He got me jobs playing parties and jobs he can't make. By that time, I had a 200- to 300-song repertoire.

long afterward, he was a steady gig at Larry's Rathskeller in a cellar on Telegraph Avenue in Berkeley, which was a great way to make music; all the college students would turn out to sing, they'd just shout out titles, "They'd sing all those songs from before rock 'n' roll," he says.

don't do' list

that Dibble has anything rock, as long as he doesn't ask him to play "Yellow Ribbon 'Round the Old Tree" or "Feelings":

whatever you do, don't

the words "Piano" or "Not only will Dibble play the Billy Joel tune, might also explain to you things that are wrong

ever liked it in the first place. "To begin with, a dumb melody."

what really frost's Dibble is the attitude toward piano bar

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Dibble likes nothing

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every night — sometimes it doesn't turn out so hot, but most of the time it turns out," says Dibble. "I've always played; I've never done anything else. There's nothing else I ever wanted to do. I love the interaction of the job."

The set list

By about 10 p.m., the regulars begin wandering in, sliding onto the stools that surround the piano, and mulling over the tunes they want to perform.

David Jackson, now in his 24th year as an Alley regular, takes a position at Dibble's left hand, and fills in with a little percussion as he waits for his turn at the microphone.

Jackson, who now sings professionally, credits Dibble and the Alley for giving him his start as a singer. But he's a little surprised his Alley crooning began at all.

"When I came in, there was a man named Tex, at the end of the bar, dressed in Levi's and Tony Lama boots," he says. "He was singing 'Streets of Laredo,' and there wasn't one other person of color in there. And I kind of wondered if this really was where I needed to be."

He hung back on the sidelines, but was finally overwhelmed by the friendliness of the crowd, which was encouraging him to sing.

He finally got enough courage to pick up a microphone, but soon realized he and Dibble were generations apart in musical knowledge. The only tune they both knew was "Since I Fell For You."

Jackson was overwhelmed by the applause and good wishes.

"This was the nicest I've ever been treated anywhere across the country or in other countries," he says. "It was, and continues to be, the most welcoming environment of any public establishment."

The regulars — who celebrate their birthdays with the Alley, purchase cakes, and find their names on stockings hanging around the piano at Christmas — make a practice of enthusiastically welcoming "Alley virgins" to the fold.

And Dibble is the chairman of the welcoming committee.

"A good singer is like a good musical instrument, and it's fun to play with them," Dibble says. "I have a couple of pros who come in and it's fun to work with them, too. But what I really enjoy are the ones who aren't sure if they can sing or not. That's the most fun and the most challenging. And when they try it, they have much more fun than the seasoned singer."

Dibble courts the newcomers, particularly the shy ones, who seem to be on the verge of either singing or running away. He'll chat them up, then offer them a few lyric sheets. And, when they take the leap of faith and actually try to vocalize, he'll sing with them for a few bars, before letting them solo.

He smiles like a proud father when a tyro sails on "Moon River" or discovers it's only a



ROD DIBBLE estimates he knows how to play about 3,000 songs — and he's still learning new ones.

Paper Moon.

Regulars get encouragement, too, but of a different sort. Dibble will lightly tease them as much as urge them to sing. They appear to feel like part of the big show.

The singers represent what a kindly soul would call a wide range of abilities. There are some beautiful voices in the Alley, and some others whose talents would scare alley cats. But the point here is not to become the next "American Idol." This is what you do for fun — it's do-it-yourself entertainment, and Dibble wouldn't have it any other way.

Crowds at the Alley are getting younger, particularly on weekdays, when a good number of the customers are college age, singing tunes their grandparents considered oldies.

"A lot of the young people have never heard these songs, or have only heard one version of them," he says. "They come in here not only to sing, but to learn what the music of people like Gershwin or Cole Porter is like."

While Dibble claims to live in the past, he seems to be energized when the crowd around the piano is young and enthusiastic. He delights in making the old Alley rattle with song and laughter. And the place feels very much like it was built for that, in a day when entertainment and marketing was a lot simpler.

Proper setting

The inside of the bar carries

out the alley theme. The bar itself is in a little shack at one side of the building, and the tables, where patrons can eat as well as drink (burgers are only \$3), have an old comfortable feel, as does the piano, with its chipped keys and potpourri of chipped keys and potpourri of

and that — from bells and hats to flags and playbills — that surrounds the piano bench.

Nothing in the bar has any particular reason for being placed in a particular spot. An ancient X-shaped tin sign for Lucky Lager Beer looms over one of the tables, and if you glance a few feet above Dibble's head, you'll see a poster of a woman standing between two men at a row of urinals — a souvenir from the nascent days of the women's movement.

For Dibble, it's been his performing home for longer than most people's entire careers. And the memories aren't far from the surface. Entertainer Danny Marona played with Dibble early in his career, and Dibble himself performed in numerous locations before settling in the Alley decades ago.

But Oakland is home, the Alley is his castle, and the king is pleased.

"I live three blocks from the club in a court with little 1920s stucco houses, all with fireplaces and hardwood floors. My view is the whole lake," he says.

"God, it's great. Man, I'm so lucky."

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— BOB PEPPING/STAFF

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA BEST SELLERS

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Fiction

1. "A Long Way Down," by Nick Hornby. (Riverhead, \$24.95.)
2. "The Mermaid Chair," by Sue Monk Kidd. (Viking, \$24.95.)
3. "Zorro," by Isabel Allende. (HarperCollins, \$25.95.)
4. "Gilead," by Marilyn Robinson. (FSG, \$23.)
5. "Specimen Days," by Michael Cunningham. (FSG, \$25.)
6. "In the Company of Cheerful Ladies," by Alexander McCall Smith. (Pantheon, \$19.95.)
7. "The Closers," by Michael Connelly. (Little, Brown, \$26.95.)
8. "The History of Love," by Nicole Krauss. (Norton, \$23.95.)
9. "Never Let Me Go," by Kazuo Ishiguro. (Knopf, \$24.)
10. "The Da Vinci Code," by Dan Brown. (Doubleday, \$24.95.)

Trade paperback nonfiction

1. "Dress Your Family in Corduroy and Denim," by David Sedens. (Back Bay, \$14.95.)
2. "The Wild Parrots of Telegraph Hill," by Mark Bittner. (Three Rivers, \$12.95.)
3. "What's the Matter With Kansas?" by Thomas Frank. (Owl, \$14.)
4. "Don't Think of an Elephant," by George Lakoff. (Chelsea Green, \$10.)
5. "Bad Cat," by Jim Edgar. (Workman, \$9.95.)
6. "The Tipping Point," by Malcolm Gladwell. (Back Bay, \$14.95.)
7. "The Devil in the White City," by Erik Larson. (Vintage, \$14.95.)
8. "Shadow Divers," by Robert Kurson. (Random House, \$14.95.)
9. "Guns, Germs, and Steel," by Jared Diamond. (Norton, \$16.95.)
10. "The Hidden Messages in Water," by Masaru Emoto. (Beyond Words, \$16.95.)

Mass market paperback

1. "R Is for Ricochet," by Sue Grafton. (Berkley, \$7.99.)
2. "Doctored Evidence," by Donna Leon. (Penguin, \$7.99.)
3. "Black Rose," by Nora Roberts. (Jove, \$7.99.)
4. "Double Play," by Robert B. Parker. (Berkley, \$7.99.)
5. "Digital Fortress," by Dan Brown. (St. Martin's, \$7.99.)

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Trade paperback fiction

1. "The Kite Runner," by Khaled Hosseini. (Riverhead, \$14.)

2. "French Women Don't Get Fat," by Mireille Guiliano. (Knopf, \$22.)

3. "Coach," by Michael Lewis. (Norton, \$12.95.)

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most true dives, people come here for stiff, cheap drinks, to be left alone or to engage the company they came with.

Craving some dahl with that Guinness? No problem. Next door's Kerry House Raj Indian Cuisine, which shares the same

address and phone number as the Irish pub, serves dinner until 10 p.m. Walk over there with your cocktail or bring the curry back to the bar. "Sup to you. You can also do it during lunch, from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Just don't mix — too much.

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BILL MANN
Multimedia Notes

Old nemesis may by KRON

IT'S NO SECRET that morale is probably at an all-time low at KRON-TV. More and more staff are jumping the foundering ship, and more bad news about continuing KRON belt-tightening seems to arrive each day. But help could be on the way — for the Oakland A's, too.

After the station recently announced it had lost \$20 million in the first quarter, Channel 4's news staff was told at a tense meeting that starting next year reporters would be shooting — and editing — their own footage. Editors and camera people will go. Then came word that two of the station's most popular and talented personalities — chief meteorologist Steve Raleigh, a 15-year veteran, and forecaster/news anchor/documentary producer Brian Hackey — were also leaving KRON.

Raleigh's going to Cincinnati, and the multi-talented Hackey has joined KPIX (Channel 5). KRON also dropped its 5:30 p.m. newscast, and it continues to air numerous infomercials. Owner Young Broadcasting, meanwhile, is trying to sell the station. Young shelled out a record-setting \$800 million for the station six years ago, and also lost its NBC affiliation after a bitter fight with that network.

Rumors have been floating around for some time that KRON's old nemesis, longtime KTVU general manager Kevin O'Brien, might be interested in buying KRON and returning.

But that's all they were — rumors, albeit plausible ones. But I have received confirmation that a sale of KRON to an investor group headed by O'Brien is being actively pursued. One source is the colorful O'Brien himself.

"I've started a new company, Global Broadcasting Company," O'Brien told me from New York. "I'd love to own KRON, and if we pull it off, I'll stay in the Bay Area. (O'Brien still maintains a home here.) It would truly be a dream come true."

A savvy broadcaster and O'Brien confidante confirms O'Brien's been trying to work a deal for some time. "The sticking point has always been price. Vincent Young's been asking too much."

The broadcast source adds: "Kevin turned Channel 2 around, you may recall. When he came to KTVU, it was also an independent station. It went from 'I Love Lucy' to 'The Bay Area is Watching.'"

A nasty lawsuit involving O'Brien and another outfit he turned around, station group Meredith Broadcasting, has just been settled, freeing up O'Brien's considerable energies.

Meredith fired O'Brien last fall, claiming he'd made racially insensitive comments. Terms of the settlement weren't announced, but O'Brien almost certainly came away with a tidy sum from Meredith, which also publishes Better Homes & Gardens.

"Kevin's an outspoken guy," says one KTVU staffer, "but he's not racist. Look at the diversity in our newsroom here in Oakland."

I agree. Not only did I work at KTVU news, but I got to know O'Brien socially from my years as the Oakland Tribune's TV critic. While he's not always a politically correct type, O'Brien has spoken with sometimes astonishing frankness to me off the record, and he's no bigot.

Says a KTVU source: "If Kevin pulls it off and buys KRON, you might be surprised how many people here at Channel 2 would jump ship to work for him again. You might not always agree with Kevin, but he's a proven winner."

"And don't forget," adds the Channel 2 source, "Kevin was also involved in KTVU buying part of the Giants. Then their owner, Peter Magowan, turned around and stuck it to him by asking so much for TV rights. Kevin hasn't forgotten that. He'd love to get the A's on KRON."

"But first," says O'Brien's friend, "a deal has to make financial sense."

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Piano king still providing magic

Dibble has been a professional musician since he was 17, covering gigs his music teacher couldn't

By Pat Craig
TIMES STAFF WRITER

The king, clad in jeans and a checkered cotton shirt, looking for all the world like he slipped out of a Saturday morning behind the power mower, strolls into his castle without fanfare.

He nods almost imperceptibly to the cognoscenti, as he moves through the Depression-vintage room festooned with generations of gewgaws, posters, pictures, and blizzards of nicotine-brown business cards, aging into the wooden walls. Tacking your card to the wall has been a tradition here longer than most marriages.

Ascending his throne — a piano bench in a cockpit behind a baby grand piano, surrounded with bar stools and decorated with four microphones — Rod Dibble begins the ancient ritual with a bit of Gershwin, rippling chords forming the familiar melody.

The mood immediately elevates — the piano bar king is on the job, repeating what he's done, five nights a week, from 9 at night 'til 2 in the morning, for the past 45 years.

"I'd like to make it even 50," says Dibble, 72, who has been a professional musician since he was a 17-year-old kid in Berkeley, covering gigs his teacher couldn't fill. "Fifty would be nice. Fifty years at the same place."

Fifty years to become one of the last of a certain breed of musician. In the old days, there were two or three other piano bars on Grand Avenue near the Alley, the Oakland nightspot that has been Dibble's musical home since 1960, eight years before the A's came to Oakland, and only two after the Giants moved to San Francisco.

Vanishing scene

Now there are few others in the Bay Area. There's Lefty's and Martini's in San Francisco, the town where the legendary Wilbur Stump claimed to have invented the idea of the piano bar.

But the all-night piano player has been supplanted most places where customers are invited to sing by the much less personal and personable karaoke machine, with its cheesy arrangements and lyrics on video.

With Dibble, there's nothing on video. If you don't know the words, he'll hand you a sheet of paper with the lyrics on them.



ROD DIBBLE plays piano and sings May 19 with all who drop by The Alley piano bar in Oakland. Dibble is the East Bay's longest-running piano bar player.

Don't try to stump him, either, at least on the tunes that filled the air before rock altered the heart and mind of popular music.

Dibble, if pressed, could knock out a convincing version of "Take Your Girly to the Movies (If You Can't Make Love at Home)," a pre-WWI knee-slapper from the 1932 Howard Dietz and Arthur Schwartz show "Flying Colors."

"I like stuff like that, all the stuff from the '20s and '30s," he says. "I've always lived in the past; I don't have a computer, and

play, and I like to learn new songs. I try to learn two new ones every week."

"New," of course, is a relative term. Right now he's working on "Flying Down to Rio," from the 1933 Fred Astaire movie of the same name, and "Alone Together," from the 1932 Howard Dietz and Arthur Schwartz show "Flying Colors."

"I like stuff like that, all the stuff from the '20s and '30s," he says. "I've always lived in the past; I don't have a computer, and

I've only talked over a cell phone once."

An early start

Most of the tunes he plays, though, were the songs he learned as a boy, the tunes his mom sang around the house, and the ones he yearned to play when he began taking piano from the family's landlady in Berkeley, where they moved from Pasadena in 1938, when Dibble was 6.

See DIBBLE, Page C7

Kerry House attracts a pretty hip mix

SANDWICHING one of these columns between a Lovemakers show and the Black & White Ball sets the bar pretty freaking high.

I'm glad the Kerry House reaches it.

The rickety Irish pub in Oakland is sort of a mystery when you first walk in. I mean, there's the instant ambience: Steely Dan jukebox tunes and sticky, beer-caked wood. On the walls, a portrait of W.C. Fields, mandatory stained glass and enough trophies to make up for everything you — make that you and your brother — didn't win back in the day.

Even in my pink patent leather heels, the Kerry House made me want to be a man.

That said, I was delighted to find a shelf lined with paperback novels, everything from "To Kill a Mockingbird" to romance novels ("Sweet Secrets" was a personal fave). They open at 6 a.m., after all, so get reading.

Like any neighborhood watering hole, there's more diversity than the United Nations, and I began to find my place among the growing number of indie rock kids, Mills lesbians (stragglers from Wednesday, unofficial lesbian night), alt-country band dudes and, yes, older ladies.

There's definitely a hip factor here. One of the coolest things about the Kerry House is that you can look around and see drecklos; girls in sweat-



SAM BANKER of Oakland shoots some pool at the Kerry House. There's also a pool table upstairs.



JESSICA YADEGARAN
Night Writer

tender, fixed me up a mean gin & tonic — just the right limey splash — and made sure to get my name before ringing me up: \$3.50 for the cocktail and a soda for my friend, Robin. I'm assuming the pop was on the house. You can't beat that.

It gets better. Upstairs, the band dudes and other artsy types gather in a smoking room: low ceilings, creaking fans, mismatched chairs and another dingy pool table. It looks like the inside of a barn,

but had the feel of a speakeasy. People talk about smart things when it's dark and dirty.

My friend Dan, a Kerry House regular, tells me some old-timers who've been coming to the bar for years have never been upstairs. How cool and creepy is that?

With all this man energy, it's surprising and rather refreshing that there is no nastoid factor at the Kerry House. Like

See YADEGARAN, Page C7

1978 music back to Pinole

It's about hold the run. Best Little Texas. The been broughter its first par Pinole Comm a return engag Community Peop Tennent Ave, Pinole

Unfortunately took its toll on size. In fairness, I saw its second night cast letdowns. There are cast well between the And while compodious, they are when a show goes the same stage.

This would be time that the show tweaking. The show changed to "Caliente" before it could be Canada and England, 2002, a Houston actor and cast replace than remove "got the script. The show titled "Pump Boys Dinette," which Pinole also did well a few years in its regular season.

A quick refresher: "Whorehouse" is the true story of a Texas brothel owner, Chicken Ranch, as cause, during the customers were with poultry. The original opened front in 1973 when it was down by the effing Houston radio and his conservative.

Given this situation — in the character Ed Earl Dodd — central to the plot, and to a large degree of the show. Michael played the role of production, directed Clark Kyle Johnson same role in the show directed by Greg Gandy.

While some of it was still rough as a boy pulled it off with shucks affably words — at least were comical.

Johnson takes seriously, playing with foot-stomping and seeming timorous, leaving

"Whorehouse" King and Peter Magowan (book), with Carol Hall as points and a few small town characters.

On the positive side, Mona plays as appealing as the house. She's pretty, scantly dressed, nicely to Angie. Her choreography, the notorious locker room gaggle of restorative football game.

The liveliest part sung by Mona and "A Little Bit of Love," says it all in the slice of a wacky

Art Reardon, turning as a state governor in a 1980s gubernatorial race. The lead number, "The Castle," tiptoes around evasions from reporters.

Unlike the Whorehouse Ranch, Pinole Community Center, the Whorehouse, a lost cause, notwithstanding, shouting. Have fun with it.

Plays at 8 p.m. Saturdays through 2 p.m. Sunday, June 26 and July 3. \$17 for adults, \$12 for students. Call

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East Bay Regional Park District

Activity Guide

July-August 2005



Susan Ringer

Lakes Appreciation Week Is July 1-6. Celebrate at Lake Del Valle (above). See story inside.

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- Go to Summer Day Camp
- Hang out at Teen Week
- Relax at a Family Camporee

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- Take a Horse-Drawn Train Ride
- History and Art in the Making
- Mad Hatter's Tea Party
- Wheat Harvesting

Plus:

- Ardenwood Free Day • Fourth of July Celebrations • "A Walk In Time" at Ardenwood
- Black Diamond Summer Concerts • California Indian Cultural Program at Coyote Hills
- Crab Cove Fourth of July Parade • Sunol Valley Nature Ride
- Tilden Pollution Solutions and Summer Science Weeks
- Lake Del Valle Boat Tours • Star Party at Anthony Chabot

Sibley, first used as a Boy Scout camp, will bring camping again to urban kids

Pre-history on your doorstep: Oakland's Round Top offers "volcanic" interpretive potential

Having just celebrated the Park District's 70th anniversary, the District's Board of Directors is about to open to the public new land which will double the size of Robert W. Sibley Volcanic Regional Preserve in the Oakland hills. Sibley Volcanic Preserve is one of the District's oldest parks and one of three original parks—along with Tilden and Redwood—dedicated for public use and enjoyment in 1936.

Originally the Regional Park was called Round Top, after the 1,763-foot Round Top hill, located at the park's southern edge, and was used as a Boy Scout camp in the late '30s and early '40s. But Sibley Volcanic Preserve's story begins much earlier, about 10 million years earlier.

Round Top is actually an extinct volcano, now lying on its side. If you stand on the side of Round Top hill, you are actually standing near the bottom of the original volcanic vent. If you had stood on top of the volcano's rim 10 million years ago and looked west, you would have seen a great range of hills where San Francisco Bay lies today. To the west, toward the Dia-

blo Valley, lay the alluvial plain formed by the dried bed of the San Pablo Sea, composed of sandstone dating back 10-12 million years.

When Round Top erupted, it spewed volcanic rock and ash and spilled lava down the slopes of these hills, overlaying the sandstone.

Fast forward several million years, and the tremendous tectonic forces that uplifted the East Bay hills have turned Round Top on its side and folded the Siesta and Gateway Valley into a giant U-shape so that the different rock strata are now turned on their ends.

How do we know all this? Fast forward a few more years to the 1940s, when the Kaiser Sand and Gravel Company ran a quarry on the property just north of Sibley.

It's easy to tell how extensively this landscape has been quarried—cut into great blocks, mesas and gullies—giving the quarry site an unearthly, crater-of-the-moon appearance. But it is the quarry cuts that give us the window to look into the real pre-history, going back more than 10 million years—and making the Sibley Volcanic Preserve



Looking southeast, thick basalt lava flow on left, St. Mary's College and Las Trampas and Rocky Ridges in distance



Steve Edwards (center), director of the Regional Parks Botanic Garden in Berkeley, describes Sibley Volcanic Regional Preserve as the best place in California to see the anatomy of a volcano. Edwards, with a Ph.D. in paleobotany, mapped the volcano and the flows and ashfield. It provided, and prepared for him for a self-guided walking tour (available at www.ebparks.org/resources_maps.htm) over the life of the volcano. He also wrote the accompanying descriptive brochure. The Park District hopes that a new entire and enhanced interpretive panels will help the public better appreciate the geology of the area.

unique in the Bay Area.

The plan for the new portion of the park will feature an extended volcanic interpretive trail, interpreting the rock layers revealed by quarrying activities.

The plan also proposes a group camp on the old quarry site; which was partially restored after it was purchased by the Park District in 1977 to prevent

housing development on the site.

The restored site, along with got access immediately off nearby Highway 24 east if the Caldecott Tunnel, will provide great opportunities for urban kids to learn about the geological history of the Bay Area and to have outdoor recreational experience that many have never had.

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General Info/Free Brochure:	(510) 562-PARK
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Picnic Reservations	(510) 636-1684
Naturalist Program Reservations	(510) 636-1684
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Chabot Space and Science Center offers hands-on interactive exhibits, planetarium shows, large format films and powerful telescopes. Make it a family day with a visit to the Center, followed by a picnic and a swim in nearby Roberts Regional Recreation Area.

Advance tickets call (510) 336-7300
10000 Skyline Blvd., Oakland, CA 94619
Joaquin Miller Road exit
off Highway 13, left on Skyline Blvd

www.chabotspace.org

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These Lake Chabot visitors enjoy the sunshine, fresh air, and beautiful views of this popular Regional Parks destination

Karen Fox

and outdoor pool among the redwoods have lifeguards on duty from 11 a.m. p.m. during the summer. Swim lessons and water safety are taught at many of these locations.

Motorboats, canoes, kayaks, and fishing equipment can be rented at marinas at Lake Chabot in Castro Valley and Lake Del Valle in Livermore. Windsurfing equipment can be rented at Del Valle, and scenic boat tours of the lake are offered on summer weekends (see page 11) for more information on the Lake Del Valle boat tours.

For lakes and recreation information, see www.ebparks.org/go_swim, or call (510) 562-PARK. For fishing information, see www.ebparks.org/fish_hunt.

If you visit a lake on July 4, you'll receive a "Lakes Appreciation" while quantities last.

Events in the Regional Parks

Sunday, June 17, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.: Bring the family to celebrate **Ardenvood's 20th Anniversary** (free entry). Enjoy children's crafts and games, horse-drawn wagon and train rides, blacksmith demonstrations, and more.

Celebrate **July 4th at Ardenwood** with a fun-filled community festival, 1900s-style! Enjoy rousing patriotic music from a brass band, fiddle music

in the farmyard, and more. See page 6 for details.

Black Diamond Mines Regional Preserve, Antioch, Sat., July 9, 7-9 p.m.: The **Brocelande quartet** plays a blend of Celtic and European folk tunes with Medieval, Renaissance, and Baroque sounds. Also at Black Diamond on Sat., Aug. 13, 7-9 p.m., hear the **Alhambra Valley Band** play Cali-

fornia bluegrass like only this group of roots musicians can. Parking fee \$10 for both Black Diamond concerts.

Educators: Bring your students to the Regional Parks to explore the natural and cultural history of the San Francisco Bay Area. The deadline for fall field trip applications is Monday, August 1. See <http://www.regparksdn.org/field.html> for information.

Part District Improves Iron Horse Regional Trail

The East Bay Regional Park District will completely renovate portions of the Iron Horse Trail in Danville later this summer. The goal is to provide a smoother trail and a more enjoyable experience, especially for those on bikes and rollerblades. Construction is expected to begin in August, and during the work the trail will be closed between Sycamore Valley Road to Laurel Drive and Prospect Avenue to Del Amigo Road. Closures are not expected to last more than two weeks. Please watch for posted signs and an update at www.ebparks.org.

Scene on the Strait Art Festival Aug. 13 and 14

The 10th Annual Scene on the Strait Art Festival returns to Martinez Regional Shoreline from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 13 and 14.

The festival is the largest art and environmental show of its kind in Northern California, attracting thousands of art lovers. Set on the shores of the Carquinez Strait in the historic town of Martinez, the festival is sponsored by the Carquinez Regional Environmental Education Center (CREEC), which works with at-risk youths to improve

the environment. Proceeds will benefit habitat and restoration efforts along the waters of Carquinez Strait. Hundreds of paintings will be for sale from 25 Bay Area artists. There will be a gourmet food booth, contemporary jazz, a Monarch butterfly house and a native plant sale. The festival is free. From I-680, exit at Marina Vista in Martinez and turn left toward downtown Martinez. Follow signs to the Martinez Marina. Turn right on Ferry Street. Call (510) 787-9772 for more information.

Golden Gate Model Railroad Museum is for kids of all ages!



Looking for something unique to do this summer? Pay a visit to the Golden State Model Railroad Museum, located at Miller/Knox Regional Shoreline at Point Richmond.

This 10,000-square-foot facility is home to three large model railroads in different scales, replicating different sections of California.

Whether viewing the glamorous passenger trains of the past at the Oakland "Mole," the intriguing train operations on Tehachapi loop, or an actual mining operation, the museum has it all!

Many of the scenes are historical in nature, making the Museum a treasure for adults and children alike. Trains are guaranteed to be running on Sunday afternoons.

The model railroad museum is

one of the oldest and largest of its kind in the country. The layouts are operated by the East Bay Model Engineers Society.

The museum is located at 900-A Dornan Drive in Point Richmond, across the street from the main parking lot of Miller/Knox Regional Shoreline.

It is open from April through December from noon-5 p.m. on Wednesdays, Saturdays, and Sundays, and from 7 p.m.-10 p.m. on Fridays.

Admission is charged on Sundays only, and is \$3 for adults, \$2 for seniors and children under 12, or \$7 for a family. For more information and a downloadable map, please visit www.gsmrm.org, or call (510) 234-4884.

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Health Matters

Healthy bodies come in a variety of shapes and sizes. Weight is not the only measurement of health. In fact, your weight may say very little about your health. No matter what your shape or body size, you can improve your health by eating a balanced diet, getting regular physical activity, and learning to feel good about your body.

Heredity plays a big role in your body shape and what you weigh. It would be impossible for most of us to look like fashion models or world-class athletes, but we can all learn to appreciate our bodies and treat them well to maximize our health and self-esteem.

What Is a Healthful Weight?

Your health is determined by more than just your weight. Other measurements of health include:

- Your fitness level.
- The quality of your diet and your eating habits.
- The presence of disease indicators such as high cholesterol.
- The presence or family history of diseases such as high blood pressure, heart disease, and diabetes.
- How fat is distributed on your body.
- Your self-esteem and body image.

You can improve your health without changing your weight. The amount you weigh now could be, or could become, a healthful weight for you. If you think that your current weight puts you at risk for health problems, talk to your health professional about different ways you can manage your weight.

Kaiser Permanente is a major sponsor of the Park District's 2005 Trails Challenge. To learn more about getting in shape and healthy lifestyles, including The 10,000 Steps® Program, log onto Kaiser Permanente at www.kp.org (you do not need to be a member of Kaiser to join these programs).

All Regional Parks open for Fourth of July

All Regional Parks will be open on July 4, with picnic sites available on a first-come, first-served basis—arrive early for a choice of sites, especially at parks with swim areas. Portable barbecues are allowed, but must be kept on lawn areas away from dry grass and brush. Please note that No fireworks of any kind are allowed in the Regional Parks at any time.

It's Fire Season!

Late spring rains have left the Park District with lots of vegetation drying in the hot summer sun possibly resulting in a riskier than usual fire season. We ask our park patrons to use extra caution when visiting the parks. Please don't light fires and limit smoking and barbecuing to designated areas. Note that during hot, dry, and windy weather, certain parks or portions of parks may be closed. For your convenience, we are offering a Park and Trail Closure Hotline at (510) 544-2222. This hotline is updated daily and as conditions change listing all closures and restrictions for the day.

AQUATICS

ROBERTS POOL

Roberts Pool in Oakland offers American Red Cross swim lessons with 4 to 6 students per instructor, with emphasis on personal safety and fun. Refer to the skill level descriptions below to determine placement, then check session dates and times for availability.

Registration required: (510) 636-1684 Phone, walk-in, mail-in, and online registration accepted.

SKILL LEVEL DESCRIPTIONS:

Parent and Me—for children 6 months to 5 years, must be accompanied by an adult in the water, designed to help children become comfortable in the water so they are ready to learn to swim. Parents learn teaching skills to assist their children. No pre-requisite.

Level I—Water Exploration: for age 5 and older, skills include bobbing, supported floating, blowing bubbles, kicking, and personal safety. No pre-requisite.

Level II—Primary Skills: skills include unsupported floating, kicking, finning,

combined arm/leg locomotion, turning back-to-front and front-to-back, and personal safety. Pre-requisite: Level I skills.

Level III—Stroke Readiness: skills include object retrieval, jump/diver recovery, front/back crawl stroke, elementary backstroke kick, tread water, and personal safety. Prerequisite: Level II skills.

Level IV—Stroke Development: front/back crawl and elementary backstroke; introduction to breast stroke, side stroke, standing front dive, open turns at walls, rescue breathing, and CPR. Pre-requisite: Level III skills.

Level V—Stroke Refinement: continue Level IV strokes/turns, introduction to butterfly and personal safety while diving, spinal injury awareness. Pre-requisite: Level IV skills.

Level VI—Advanced Skill Proficiency: technique and endurance for Level V skills, turns for all strokes, additional safety and rescue skills. Pre-requisite: Level V skills.

MORNING SWIM LESSONS *

Roberts Pool, Oakland Staff Group lessons for children. Ten half-hour lessons scheduled on weekday mornings for two consecutive weeks. Bring a picnic lunch. (Please note * denotes 45-minute classes at \$70/session. Level V is 10:45-11:30 a.m., Level VI is 10:45 a.m.)

Reg. required: (510) 636-1684

Fee: \$50/session (\$56 non-res.)
Session 1: 6/13-6/24 (Mon.-Fri.)
10:30am.... Levels I, II, III, IV*
10:30-11am.... Levels I, II, IV, V*
11-11:30am.... Levels I, II, III*

11:30-noon Parent and Me, II, III
Session 2: 6/27-7/8 (Mon.-Fri.)
10-10:30am.... Levels I, II, III, IV
10:30-11am.... Levels I, II, III, IV
11-11:30am.... Levels I, II, IV
11:30-noon Parent and Me, II, III

Session 3: 7/11-7/22 (Mon.-Fri.)
10-10:30am.... Levels I, II, III, IV*
10:30-11am.... Levels I, II, IV, V*
11-11:30am.... Levels I, II, IV
11:30-noon Parent and Me, II, III

Session 4: 7/25-8/5 (Mon.-Fri.)
10-10:30am.... Levels I, II, III, IV
10:30-11am.... Levels I, II, III, IV
11-11:30am.... Levels I, II, IV
11:30-noon Parent and Me, II, III

Session 5: 8/8-8/19 (Mon.-Fri.)
10-10:30am.... Levels I, II, III, IV*
10:30-11am.... Levels I, II, IV, V*
11-11:30am.... Levels I, II, IV, V
11:30-noon Parent and Me, II, III

Session 6: 8/22-9/2 (Mon.-Fri.)
10-10:30am.... Levels I, II, III, IV
10:30-11am.... Levels I, II, III, IV
11-11:30am.... Levels I, II, IV
11:30-noon Parent and Me, II, III

EVENING SWIM LESSONS *

Roberts Pool, Oakland Staff Group lessons for children and adult beginners. Ten half-hour lessons scheduled on weekday evenings for two consecutive weeks

Reg. required: (510) 636-1684

Fee: \$50/session (\$56 non-res.)
Session A: 6/13-6/24 (Mon.-Fri.)

6-6:30pm Parent and Me
6:30-7pm Levels I, II
7-7:30pm Levels III, IV
Session B: 6/27-7/8 (Mon.-Fri.)
6-6:30pm Parent and Me
6:30-7pm Levels I, II
7-7:30pm Levels III, IV

Session C: 7/11-7/22 (Mon.-Fri.)
6-6:30pm Parent and Me
6:30-7pm Levels I, II
7-7:30pm Levels III, IV

Session D: 7/25-8/5 (Mon.-Fri.)
6-6:30pm Parent and Me
6:30-7pm Levels I, II
7-7:30pm Levels III, IV

Session E: 8/8-8/19 (Mon.-Fri.)
6-6:30pm Parent and Me
6:30-7pm Levels I, II
7-7:30pm Levels III, IV

Session F: 8/22-9/2 (Mon.-Fri.)
6-6:30pm Parent and Me
6:30-7pm Levels I, II
7-7:30pm Levels III, IV

Session G: 9/5-9/19 (Mon.-Fri.)
6-6:30pm Parent and Me
6:30-7pm Levels I, II
7-7:30pm Levels III, IV

Session H: 9/22-9/26 (Mon.-Fri.)
6-6:30pm Parent and Me
6:30-7pm Levels I, II
7-7:30pm Levels III, IV

Session I: 9/29-10/3 (Mon.-Fri.)
6-6:30pm Parent and Me
6:30-7pm Levels I, II
7-7:30pm Levels III, IV

Session J: 10/6-10/10 (Mon.-Fri.)
6-6:30pm Parent and Me
6:30-7pm Levels I, II
7-7:30pm Levels III, IV

Session K: 10/13-10/17 (Mon.-Fri.)
6-6:30pm Parent and Me
6:30-7pm Levels I, II
7-7:30pm Levels III, IV

Session L: 10/20-10/24 (Mon.-Fri.)
6-6:30pm Parent and Me
6:30-7pm Levels I, II
7-7:30pm Levels III, IV

Session M: 10/27-10/31 (Mon.-Fri.)
6-6:30pm Parent and Me
6:30-7pm Levels I, II
7-7:30pm Levels III, IV

Session N: 10/31-11/4 (Mon.-Fri.)
6-6:30pm Parent and Me
6:30-7pm Levels I, II
7-7:30pm Levels III, IV

Session O: 11/7-11/11 (Mon.-Fri.)
6-6:30pm Parent and Me
6:30-7pm Levels I, II
7-7:30pm Levels III, IV

Session P: 11/14-11/18 (Mon.-Fri.)
6-6:30pm Parent and Me
6:30-7pm Levels I, II
7-7:30pm Levels III, IV

Session Q: 11/21-11/25 (Mon.-Fri.)
6-6:30pm Parent and Me
6:30-7pm Levels I, II
7-7:30pm Levels III, IV

Session R: 11/28-12/2 (Mon.-Fri.)
6-6:30pm Parent and Me
6:30-7pm Levels I, II
7-7:30pm Levels III, IV

Session S: 12/5-12/9 (Mon.-Fri.)
6-6:30pm Parent and Me
6:30-7pm Levels I, II
7-7:30pm Levels III, IV

Session T: 12/12-12/16 (Mon.-Fri.)
6-6:30pm Parent and Me
6:30-7pm Levels I, II
7-7:30pm Levels III, IV

Session U: 12/19-12/23 (Mon.-Fri.)
6-6:30pm Parent and Me
6:30-7pm Levels I, II
7-7:30pm Levels III, IV

Session V: 12/26-12/30 (Mon.-Fri.)
6-6:30pm Parent and Me
6:30-7pm Levels I, II
7-7:30pm Levels III, IV

Session W: 1/2-1/6 (Mon.-Fri.)
6-6:30pm Parent and Me
6:30-7pm Levels I, II
7-7:30pm Levels III, IV

Session X: 1/9-1/13 (Mon.-Fri.)
6-6:30pm Parent and Me
6:30-7pm Levels I, II
7-7:30pm Levels III, IV

Session Y: 1/16-1/20 (Mon.-Fri.)
6-6:30pm Parent and Me
6:30-7pm Levels I, II
7-7:30pm Levels III, IV

Session Z: 1/23-1/27 (Mon.-Fri.)
6-6:30pm Parent and Me
6:30-7pm Levels I, II
7-7:30pm Levels III, IV

Session AA: 1/30-1/31 (Mon.-Fri.)
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6:30-7pm Levels I, II
7-7:30pm Levels III, IV

Session BB: 2/3-2/7 (Mon.-Fri.)
6-6:30pm Parent and Me
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Session CC: 2/10-2/14 (Mon.-Fri.)
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Session DD: 2/17-2/21 (Mon.-Fri.)
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Session EE: 2/24-2/28 (Mon.-Fri.)
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Session FF: 3/3-3/7 (Mon.-Fri.)
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Session JJ: 3/31-4/4 (Mon.-Fri.)
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Session KK: 4/7-4/11 (Mon.-Fri.)
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Session LL: 4/14-4/18 (Mon.-Fri.)
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Session MM: 4/21-4/25 (Mon.-Fri.)
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Session NN: 4/28-5/2 (Mon.-Fri.)
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Session OO: 5/5-5/9 (Mon.-Fri.)
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Session PP: 5/12-5/16 (Mon.-Fri.)
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Session RR: 5/26-5/30 (Mon.-Fri.)
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Session SS: 5/31-6/3 (Mon.-Fri.)
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Session TT: 6/4-6/8 (Mon.-Fri.)
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Session UU: 6/11-6/15 (Mon.-Fri.)
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Session VV: 6/18-6/22 (Mon.-Fri.)
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Session WW: 6/25-6/29 (Mon.-Fri.)
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RECREATION

For Recreation program information and registration, email recreation@ebparks.org, call (510) 636-1684, or visit www.ebparks.org/webreg. Registration is required, and Special Cancellation Policy applies for all programs; see page 15. All classes dependent on registration minimums.

PARK'N IT SUMMER DAY CAMP ☀ *

8:30am-4:30pm Mon-Fri each date below
Extended Care 4:30-5:30pm
Jun 27-Jul 1, MLK Shoreline #8627
Jul 5-8, MLK Shoreline #8633
Jul 11-15, Contra Loma #8634
Jul 18-22, Contra Loma #8635
Jul 25-29, Ardenwood #8636
Aug 1-5, Ardenwood #8637



Park'N It Summer Day Campers enjoy games, arts & crafts, and preparing meals in their famous "Kitchen of Smiles."

Come on out this summer for Park'N It Summer Day Camp-A Regional Parks Adventure! Join us for fun in the sun and park explorations including swimming, hiking, arts & crafts, games and much more! 10% discount for siblings or for additional sessions. 5-13yrs

Registration required: (510) 636-1684
Fee: \$200 (non-res. \$220)
Extended Care fee: \$20 (non-res. \$22)
Fee pro-rated week of July 4 (4-day week)

TEEN WEEK ☀ *

8:30am-3pm, Mon-Fri, Aug 8-12 #10074
You asked, we delivered! The Recreation Unit is excited to present its first ever Teen Week. Teens, ages 13-17, will meet at a central Oakland location for pick-up and be driven in vans by licensed Recreation leaders to a different nearby park each day. Activities will include service projects, swimming, plenty of "hang-out" time, and more! Call (510) 544-2553 for a flyer.
Fee: \$50 (non-res. \$56)

FAMILY CAMPPOREE! ☀

Del Valle Campground
Sat-Sun, Jul 16-17 #9381, Aug 6-7 #9382
Get away from TV's, telephones, and video games and enjoy a weekend in the great outdoors! These weekends are perfect for those with little or no camping experience. Activities may include hikes, arts & crafts, nature programs, how-to-camp clinics, campground games, campfire activities, night hikes and an outdoor movie! Come prepared to relax, enjoy nature, and spend quality time with your family. Pets are not allowed. Participants supply their own food, camping supplies, and equipment.
Reg. Required: (510) 636-1684
Fee: \$15 13+ys/\$10 3-12ys
(non-res. \$17/\$12)

Extra night fee: \$18 per night
FREE FAMILY FUN NIGHTS
Please see the back page for dates and locations of these fabulous, fun and free events. No registration required.

MAY MARATHON & TRAILS CHALLENGE

Join us for this extremely popular, self-guided hiking program! The 2005 Guidebook is filled with 20 of the best hikes in the Park District. This year, Trails Challenge (#9035) invites you to hike 5 of the 20 trails by December. Participants receive the 2005 commemorative pin and the Trails Challenge T-shirt! May Marathon (#9036) invites you to complete 26 miles before August 1. You will receive the commemorative pin, the long-sleeved May Marathon T-shirt. All participants also receive a pedometer.
Reg. Required: (510) 636-1684
May Marathon Fee: \$17 (non-res. \$19)
Trails Challenge Fee \$12 (non-res. \$14)



BEGINNING PORTRAIT PHOTOGRAPHY

Lake Chabot Jack Ligon
8am-noon, Sat, Jul 2 & 9 #9792
8am-noon, Sat, Aug 6 & 13 #9793
Come join us for a fabulous, two-session photography class that will leave you seeing from a brand-new perspective. Posing, posture, expression, composition, light, and color will be thoroughly covered. Your personal style and vision will be enhanced by the many stimulating class exercises offered. Create studio-like portraits in the great-outdoors by using the best light source of all-the sun! ANY camera will do. 15+ys

Reg. Required: (510) 636-1684

Fee: \$65 (non-res. \$73)

BROOKS ISLAND

KAYAKING TOUR

Brooks Island Current Adventures
10am-3pm, Sat, Jul 2 #9786
11am-4pm, Sat, Aug 20 #9787
Join us for an exciting day of kayaking and exploration! Instructors will give a brief introduction to equipment and strokes during a trip through the picturesque Richmond Harbor. The trip is an easy, short paddle in stable, double kayaks across sheltered bay water with spectacular views of San Francisco and the bridges. Paddle along Brooks Island preserved shoreline then come ashore to enjoy a guided, 2-mile hike around the island which is normally closed to visitors.

Reg. Required: (510) 636-1684

Fee: \$85 (non-res. \$95)

INTRO TO FLYFISHING

Lake Anza Fish First!
7am-1pm, Sun, Jul 10 #9771
7am-1pm, Sun, Aug 14 #9772
This exciting and informative day is geared toward the beginning angler. Spend three hours at Lake Anza to practice casting with coaching from a certified fly-casting instructor. Then enjoy three hours of classroom instruction where you will be introduced to knots, fly selection, reading the water, and more. Don't miss your chance to learn!
Reg. Required: (510) 636-1684
Fee: \$60 (non-res. \$66)

INTERMEDIATE FLY CASTING

Shadow Cliffs Lois Kilburn
8:30am-2:30pm, Sun, Jul 10 #9545
If you have taken the intro to Fly Fishing class or have basic casting knowledge, come join us for the next step in this exciting sport! This class will start with a

short review of the basic casts and then will move into shooting line, single haul, double haul, mending line, distance casting and specialty casts. The class is taught by national champion tournament caster, Lois Kilburn

Reg. Required: (510) 636-1684

Fee: \$60 (non-res. \$66)

INTRO TO GOLF

Tilden Golf Course American Golf Corp
5:30-7pm, Mon, Jul 11 #9789
5:30-7pm, Tue, Aug 23 #9788
Have fun in a relaxed atmosphere and learn the fundamentals of golf. This introductory clinic teaches pre-shot fundamentals, terminology/equipment overview, and full-swing fundamentals. Instructors will discuss how you can continue if you'd like to play on the course. Equipment provided. Participants will also receive a free \$20 range card for use at the driving range and \$20 off a future class at the golf course
Reg. Required: (510) 636-1684
Fee: \$50 (non-res. \$56)

BASICS OF BASS FISHING

Del Valle Marina Mike Hawley
8-10am, Sat, Jul 16 #9796
Learn how to catch the "big one"! In this class, participants already familiar with fishing will learn the basics of bass fishing including rigging, casting, knot tying, ecology and conservation, habitat, and fish behaviors. There will be hands-on fishing time during which participants will be able to demonstrate what they have learned. Gear provided. A valid California fishing license is required for participants 16 and older.

Reg. Required: (510) 636-1684

Fee: \$19/\$15 (non-res. \$21/\$17)

FULL MOON KAYAK

Lake Chabot Marina Current Adventures
6:30-9:30pm, Wed, Jul 20 #9781
This unique course is the first step in learning paddling tourism and sea kayaking. Get in-depth instruction for paddling in calm water. Explore the lake during twilight and return to the marina as the moon rises. A brief introduction to the equipment and paddle strokes will be provided for those who have never kayaked. Parent participation required. Youth 13-17 yrs
Reg. Required: (510) 636-1684
Fee: \$59 (non-res. \$65)

DISCOVER KAYAKING

Lake Chabot Marina Current Adventures
10am-2:30pm, Sat, Jul 9 #9773
Noon-4:30pm, Wed, Jul 20 #9777
12:30-5pm, Sun, Jul 17 #9775
10am-2:30pm, Sat, Aug 6 #9778
11am-3:30pm, Tue, Aug 16 #9779
11am-3:30pm, Sat, Aug 20 #9780

This course is the first step in learning paddle touring and sea kayaking. Get in-depth instruction for paddling in calm water from certified instructors. Beginners learn equipment selection and basic paddling techniques while touring Lake Chabot in a single kayak (double kayaks available upon request and for adult/child paddlers). 5+ys
Reg. Required: (510) 636-1684
Fee: \$79/\$59 (non-res. \$87/\$65)

SURVIVAL AND OUTDOOR SAFETY

Lake Chabot Gene Ward
9am-4pm, Sat, Jul 23 #9794
9am-4pm, Sun, Aug 21 #9795

This workshop, taught by one of the country's leading experts in wilderness survival, is packed with vital information for outdoor enthusiasts. Learn how to dramatically increase your chances of staying alive when things don't go as planned. Activities and demonstrations include making personal survival kits, constructing quick and simple emergency storm shelters, fire-free fire starting techniques, emergency signaling techniques, knots and lashings, and much more!

Reg. Required: (510) 636-1684

Fee: \$50 (non-res. \$56)

INTRO TO BAY KAYAKING

MLK Shoreline Current Adventures
Noon-5pm, Sun, Jul 24 #9784
10am-3pm, Sat, Aug 13 #9785

If you were with us for Discover Kayaking or have basic kayaking knowledge, come join us for this INTERMEDIATE class! This is an in-depth focus on skills necessary to go paddling on your own. Learn proper strokes and maneuvers, tide/current basics, and capsizing recovery while paddling on the bay. Plus, you'll earn a certificate enabling you to rent your own kayak. The MLK Jr marshlands also offer great opportunities for viewing shorebirds while you learn to navigate the bay environment.

Reg. Required: (510) 636-1684

Fee: \$85 (non-res. \$95)

BROOKS ISLAND ADVENTURE

Brooks Island California Canoe & Kayak
9am-3pm, Sat, Jul 30 #9773
9am-3pm, Sat, Aug 13 #9774

Be whisked away to a beautiful island in the bay! This guided, instructional day trip to Brooks Island is an easy, short paddle in stable, double kayaks—an excellent introduction to kayaking for beginners that includes instruction on paddle strokes, equipment, etc. Enjoy a guided, relaxed, 2-mile hike around this island's preserved shoreline that is normally closed to visitors.

Reg. Required: (510) 636-1684

Fee: \$85 (non-res. \$95)



Lessons for bass fishing, fly casting and fly fishing, and pier fishing will help you add to your catch!

INTRODUCTION TO PIER FISHING

Antioch Pier Mike Hawley
8-10am, Sat, Aug 27 #9797

Learn the basics of pier fishing. Beginning anglers will learn skills such as knot tying, casting, bait selection, gear selection, fish habitat and ecology. There will be plenty of time for hands-on fishing where anglers will get to try out some of their newly learned skills. Equipment use included. A valid California fishing license is required for participants 16 years and older.

Reg. Required: (510) 636-1684

Fee: \$19/\$15 (non-res. \$21/\$17)

ARDENWOOD

Ardenwood is open Tues.-Sun., 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Patterson House tours are available Thurs-Sun. Blacksmithing demonstrations Thur, Fri, Sun, and every other Saturday. Horse-drawn train rides and food service available Thur, Fri, and Sun. Admission fees apply. For program and fee info: (510) 796-0663, ardenwoo@ebparks.org or www.ebparks.org.

INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION Ardenwood Gaeta Bell, Interpretive Staff 10am-4pm, Mon, Jul 4 • Join us for a fun-filled community festival, 1900-style! Celebrate July 4th at Ardenwood with rousing patriotic music from a brass band on the lawn and fiddle music in the farmyard. There will be games, contests and races for everyone all day long. Test your skill at nail-driving, egg toss and watermelon seed spitting or join a bucket brigade and tug-o-war

contest. Bring a picnic and celebrate this most American holiday the old-fashioned way! For information, call (510) 796-0199. Gaeta Bell, Interpretive Staff.

Fee: \$8/\$6/\$5/under 4 Free

FREE DAY—ARDENWOOD'S 20TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Ardenwood Interpretive Staff 10am-4pm, Sun, Jul 17 Bring the whole family and enjoy an admission-free celebration marking twenty years of public programs, educational opportunities and preservation of local history. Enjoy all of Ardenwood's activities including farmyard chores, historic cooking demonstrations, children's crafts and games and much more! Tour the beautifully restored Patterson House, ride on our horse-drawn railroad, watch the blacksmith at work and tour the park by hay wagon as we wish the farm a happy birthday!

SUMMER FARM VOLUNTEERS

We need volunteers to help us with our summer season. Learn to handle the farm animals, demonstrate turn-of-the-last-century crafts and farm chores, and play old-fashioned games during our June training session. If you're at least 14 years old, enjoy working with children, and are available on weekdays, please call (510) 796-0199 or email: cgarcia@ebparks.org for an application. Christina Garcia.



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A WALK IN TIME: HISTORY AND ART IN THE MAKING

Ardenwood Interpretive Staff 10am-4pm, Sat, Aug 13 Surround yourself with art, music and history while enjoying Ardenwood's beauty and tranquility. Join us for a day filled with hands-on art and crafts for children, tours of the elegantly restored Patterson House, silent film viewing, children's lawn games and Victorian garden tours. Classical musical groups and local talents will serenade you as you enjoy fine art displays from a variety of well-known local artists. Patterson House.

Fee: \$5 16+ yrs/Free 15yrs and under

VICTORIAN FLOWER ARRANGING Ardenwood Volunteers 10:15-11:30am, Thu, Jul 18 Watch as our docents create floral works of art for display in the Patterson House. Volunteers.

TRAINS AT ARDENWOOD

Ardenwood S.P.C.R.R. 10:15am-3:30pm, Thu, Fri & Sun, Jul & Aug Come to the farm and enjoy a pleasant ride back in time on our horse-drawn train. Learn some of Ardenwood's incredible railroad history and meet our "locomotives" Belgian draft horses Tucker and Jiggs. On Sundays, visit our Museum Store.

ANIMAL FEEDING

3pm, Every Thu-Sun, Jul-Aug Ardenwood Interpretive Staff Help slop the hogs, check the henhouse for eggs, and bring hay to the livestock. You'll learn all the animals' favorite foods as you help shut the farm down for the evening.

COOKING IN THE COUNTRY KITCHEN

10:30am-1:30pm, Sat & Sun, Jul-Aug Ardenwood Interpretive Staff Stop by the Country Kitchen for a taste of the past. Discover some fascinating food history. See why cooking outside always makes food taste better and sample a cookie or a biscuit straight from the wood-burning stove. Pick up an historic recipe to try at home.

GOATS ARE GREAT!

10:30-11:30am, Sat, Jul 2, Aug 6 Ardenwood Christina Garcia Goats are valuable animals! Find out why they're so special as you lend a hand grooming Angel, Gretchen and Inga, our sweet nanny goats. Help us keep them healthy and happy by cleaning their pen and taking them on a walk around the farm.

FARMYARD GAMES

12:30-1:30pm, Sat, Jul 2, Aug 13, 27, Sun, July 3, Aug 14, 21 Ardenwood Interpretive Staff Leave your modern amusements behind and try your hand at some old-fashioned fun! Roll a hoop, test your balance on stilts and shoot marbles. Compete in a sack race or the potato spoon race. Bring the family and test your skill.

HAY HOISTING

11am-noon, Sat, Jul 9, 23, Aug 20 Ardenwood Interpretive Staff Help make rope with our antique machine, and then see how lots of rope plus a few pulleys make hoisting hay bales into the barn loft a cinch.

HANDCAR RIDES

11am-3pm, Sat, Jul 9, Aug 14 Ardenwood S.P.C.R.R. How did railroad workers get around between trains? By handcar, of course. Stop by and take a trip down the rails under your own power.

FARMING WITH THE LITTLE RED HEN

1-2pm, Sat, Jul 9, 16, 23, 30 Ardenwood Christina Garcia Hear the story of the Little Red Hen and learn how wheat is made into bread. Then lend a hand processing our grain into flour. Who will help us thresh the wheat? You will, after you see how much fun it is!

BAKE BREAD!

2-3pm, Sat, Jul 9 1-2pm, Sun, Aug 7, 21 Ardenwood Amy Baldwin Victorian households often reserved one or two days a week for the family's baking. Join us in the Country Kitchen as we prepare bread from the wheat grown here on the farm. Discover how fun it is to knead and roll your dough into a tasty pretzel that we'll bake for you in our wood-fired oven.

MEET THE BUNNIES

11am-noon, Sun, Jul 10, 31 Ardenwood Interpretive Staff Come meet the farm rabbits. Learn why they have big ears, what they like to eat, and how they communicate. See if you can find the softest part of a bunny.

IMAGES FROM ANOTHER TIME

Noon-1pm, Sun, Jul 10 2-3pm, Sat, Aug 13 Ardenwood Eric Nicholas Take a look at the farm and surrounding landscapes through a camera lens. Explore the farm for unique and exciting images, which capture the visions of yesteryear. With Victorian architecture, the fashions of the day and animals how can you miss? Bring a camera and your imagination. Black and white film is recommended

TUESDAY TWILIGHT HIKE & CAMPFIRE

7-9pm, Tue, Jul 12 Ardenwood Ira Bletz/Paul Ferreira Join us as we explore the farm at the end of the day. We'll look for wild creatures

MAD HATTER'S TEA PARTY

1-3pm, Sun, Jul 10 #9955 Ardenwood Tea Committee Hey kids—bring your favorite grown-up and join Alice, the Queen of Hearts, the Mad Hatter and all the "Alice in Wonderland" characters for a very merry unbirthday party, in addition to traditional children's tea fare, games such as croquet with the Queen and Pin the Smile on the Cheshire Cat will be offered. This tea is for children aged 4 and over accompanied by an adult. Park admission included.

Reg. Required: (510) 636-1684

Fee: \$12 child/\$15 adult (non-res. \$14/\$17)



WHEAT HARVESTING

1-2:30pm, Sun, Jul 10, 24, 31 Ardenwood Take a horse-drawn wagon to our wheat field and help thresh the wheat in the sheaves using turn-of-the-last-century methods—separating the wheat from the chaff. Watch our antique threshing machine in action and help mill the grain. After some work in the field, we'll have a wheat treat fresh from the oven.

just starting their night shift and the farm animals as they settle down for the evening. After checking the gardens we'll gather around a campfire for stories, songs and a treat.

FARM CHORES FOR KIDS

10:30-11:30am, Sat, Jul 16, 20, 24 Ardenwood Interpretive Cock-a-doodle-doo! It's time to help with the morning chores. We sleep from your eyes and help tend the animal pens, weed in the pasture, and crack corn for the chickens.

OLD-FASHIONED ICE CREAM

2-3pm, Sat, Jul 16, 30, Aug 6, 20 Sun, Jul 3, Aug 14 Ardenwood Interpretive

Ever wonder why you need ice to make ice cream? Find out as we turn some tasty ingredients into the popular dessert. We'll devour the ice and you won't even taste the salt.

WORK WITH WOOL

2-3pm, Sat, Jul 23, Aug 27 Ardenwood Interpretive There are a lot of steps between the sheep and the sweater, and you can see some of them. Card some wool, spinning wheel at work and try at a drop spindle. Find out how to make into cloth and why we have such soft hands!

BARNYARD BUDDIES

10:30-11:30am, Sun, Jul 24, Aug 21 Ardenwood Interpretive Here's your chance to get up close to your favorite barnyard pals. Feed them a snack, pet a bunny, greet the tickle a chicken (if you dare).

FARM SONGS ON THE WAGON

Ardenwood Tara 11am-noon, Sun, Jul 24, Aug 21 Climb aboard our horse-drawn wagon and learn about America's history song. We will sing some old favorites, as, "Oh! Susanna," "She'll be comin' 'round the mountain" and "I've been workin' on the railroad" while Duke and Doc steady rhythm.



Clothes pin dolls were a favorite toy for nineteenth century farm girls. Fourth of July activities at Ardenwood Historic Farm in Fremont will include such art and craft activities, along with fiddle music and other entertainment, old-fashioned games, and tried-and-true American favorites like a watermelon seed spitting contest, bucket brigade, nail driving, and the egg toss.

BROWNIES: AN ALL-AMERICAN TREAT ☀

11:30am-1pm, Sun, Jul 24

Ardenwood

Ira Bletz

In 1897, Mildred Brown tried to bake a chocolate cake but forgot to add the leavening. The resulting happy accident is one of our most delicious and gooey chocolate treats. Come and taste the original brownie recipe and a few others we turned up in our research. History never tasted so good!

SOME BUGS BUG US,

SOME DON'T ☀

1-2pm, Sun, Jul 24

Ardenwood

Eric Nicholas

What do insects do? Learn about those that are both harmful and beneficial on the farm. Find out how to study them. We'll search high and low throughout the gardens to find our climbing, crawling and flying neighbors.

LOVELY LADIES CROQUET ☀

1-3pm, Sun, Jul 31, Aug 21

Ardenwood

Volunteers

A proper Victorian lady was not always limited to watching sports from the sidelines because of the social requirements of the day. Don't miss your chance to watch an entertaining example of a "very Victorian" croquet game played by our elegantly dressed volunteers.

AN EVENING WITH THE STARS ☀

8:30-9:30pm, Thu, Aug 4 #9983

Ardenwood

Garcia/Nicholas

Spend an evening with the stars and planets. Come view the universe by telescope and hear stories about the skies above. Personal telescopes welcome.

Reg. Required: (510) 636-1684

THE AMAZING EGG ☀

1-2pm, Sat, Aug 6

Ardenwood

Amy Baldwin

Did you ever fry an egg on the sidewalk, float an egg in water, or test the strength of an eggshell? Come cook an egg inside

POTATO HARVESTING

10:30-11:30am

Sat, Aug 28 & Sun, Aug 29

Ardenwood

Garcia/Interp. Staff

It's time for the great potato harvest at Ardenwood! Hear the history of this humble tuber and how it came to be one of the world's favorite vegetables; then dig in your spade and find some spuds to take home.

a pepper, try your hand at eggs-periments, and play some egg games

COLOR BY NATURE ☀

10:30-11:30am, Sun, Aug 7

Ardenwood

Eric Nicholas

Ever wonder how wool used to get its color, before the advent of chemical dyes? Join us as we explore the process of cleaning, carding and coloring wool with plants. Oh, and of course we'll take a look at the sheep that made the wool

SCAVENGER HUNT

Ardenwood

Amy Baldwin

1-2pm, Sat, Aug 13

Can you find an oak leaf and a bit of wool; go to where the butterflies roost; and count the number of walnut trees in the orchard? Test your farm knowledge and discover details you never knew.

THE TEN ESSENTIALS ☀

Ardenwood

Eric Nicholas

1-2pm, Sun, Aug 14

Learn which plants are a must for emergencies and how your grandparents used them. With so many herbal remedies out there it can be very intimidating, so lets narrow it down some. Join us as we go over "The Ten Essentials" and some ways they helped our ancestors when the doctor wasn't available.

BLACK DIAMOND

All Black Diamond programs (unless otherwise noted) meet at the parking lot at the south end of Somersville Road in Antioch. For info call (925) 757-2620 or email bd@bparks.org.

GREATHOUSE VISITOR CENTER ☀

Black Diamond

Interpretive Staff

10am-4:30pm, Sats & Suns, Mar-Nov

Drop in and view the workings of a 20th-century sand mine and learn about the lives of the 19th-century coal miners in the Greathouse Visitor Center. Artifacts and photographs are displayed and a video featuring former Mt. Diablo coalfield residents is shown.

HAZEL-ATLAS

Black Diamond

Interpretive Staff

10am, 11am, 1pm, 2pm

Sats & Suns, Mar-Nov

Explore the underground through a guided tour and learn its history, geology, and the methods used to mine the sandstone. An hour-long, advanced reservation tour is offered at 11 a.m., 1 p.m., and 2 p.m. through November. A 10 a.m. tour is available to groups of 10 or more. First come/first served tours are offered at noon and 3 p.m. only. Must be at least 7 years old, parent participation required. This program is not wheelchair accessible. The 10 a.m. tour is not available for online registration. 7+rys

Reg. Required: (510) 636-1684

Fee: \$3

SLITHERING SAFELY ☀

Black Diamond

Sabrina Dussau

7-9pm, Sat, Jul 2

It's snake season in the Regional Parks. Our resident gopher snake will be in the picnic area to help you discover how to keep your family and your local reptiles safe this summer.

THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF WATERMELONS ☀

Black Diamond

Sabrina Dussau

2-3:30pm, Sat, Jul 2

Bite into the science of these scrumptious seed-ridden fruits as we act like water droplets, play a few games, and have a sweet snack.

Reg. Required: (925) 757-2620

Fee: \$2

KNOBBERS ☀

Black Diamond

Sabrina Dussau

3:30-5:30pm, Thu, Jul 21 #9812, Aug 18 #9813

Looking for something to do after school? Then join us once a month for outdoor and underground adventures. This program is designed for 8-12 year olds unaccompanied by their parents.

Reg. Required: (510) 636-1684

Fee: \$6 (non-res. \$8)

PICNIC TABLE TALKS ☀

Black Diamond

Bob Kanagaki

9:11am, Sat, Aug 6

Investigate the lives of nineteenth century miners and their families in the Mount Diablo Coalfield as we tour Rose Hill Cemetery. Meet at the cemetery



MEMORIES IN MARBLE ☀

Black Diamond

Bob Kanagaki

9:11am, Sat, Aug 6

Investigate the lives of nineteenth century miners and their families in the Mount Diablo Coalfield as we tour Rose Hill Cemetery. Meet at the cemetery

FULL MOON? ☀

Black Diamond

Sabrina Dussau

7:30-9:30pm, Fri, Aug 19 #9816

Have you ever wondered what the moon is full of? Ever been followed by a moon shadow? Or have you ever seen a full moon on the rise? Now is your chance. Discover the science and enjoy the beauty of this seemingly 'full' moon.

Reg. Required: (510) 636-1684

LIGHTS AT THE END OF THE TUNNEL ☀

Black Diamond

Bob Kanagaki

10:30am-12:30pm, Sat, Aug 20 #9817

Shatter the darkness of the underground as we demonstrate矿 lighting ranging from the Spedding Wheel to the modern battery-powered cap lamp and tour the Hazel-Atlas Mine. 7+rys

Reg. Required: (510) 636-1684

Fee: \$3

OTHER PEOPLE'S GARBAGE ☀

Black Diamond

Bob Kanagaki

2:30-3pm, Sat, Aug 20

Discover how archaeologists piece together a picture of life in Somersville, a nineteenth century mining town, as we view a segment from the PBS series "Odyssey." Meet in Greathouse Visitor Center.

MINING WITH MUTTS

Black Diamond

Sabrina Dussau

6-8pm, Fri, Aug 26

Grab your leash and four-footed friend for a ramble through the hills of the Mt. Diablo Coalfield. We'll discover the role man's best friend played in pioneer mining families. For dog lovers and owners alike.

Reg. Required: (925) 757-2620

SOMERSVILLE VAN & MINE TOUR ☀

Black Diamond

Bob Kanagaki

10am-noon, Sat, Aug 27 #10175

Leave the driving to us as we tour the site of a 19th-century mining town and delve into the underground workings of the Hazel-Atlas Mine. 55+rys

Reg. Required: (510) 636-1684

Fee: \$3

SUMMER CONCERTS AT BLACK DIAMOND

BROCELIANDE ☀

Black Diamond

Sabrina Dussau

7-9pm, Sat, Jul 9

An evening with this entrancing quartet promises a magical and musical blend of Celtic and European folk tunes with Medieval, Renaissance, and Baroque sounds. Their music will transport you from rowdy pub scenes to courts, castles, and countrysides, to ships at sea to Middle Earth—and back! Parking fee: \$10.

ALHAMBRA VALLEY BAND ☀

Black Diamond

Sabrina Dussau

7-9pm, Sat, Aug 13

Contributing talent and energy to the California Bluegrass scene since 1986, the Alhambra Valley Band's music has a reverence for tradition. Their award-winning original material and vocal harmony say bluegrass like only this group of roots musicians can. Be ready for a little toe-tapping! Parking fee: \$10.





A runner and her dog enjoy the clean air and cnsp beauty at Anthony Chabot Regional Park.

COYOTE HILLS

The Coyote Hills Visitor Center, open Tue.-Sun. 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m., has books, bug boxes, and other items for sale. The Garin Visitor Center is open Sat.-Sun., 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Both Centers will be open on Monday, the Fourth of July. For information call (510) 795-9385 or email chvisit@ebparks.org.

SUNRISE SAUNTER ☀️

Coyote Hills Kristina Parkison
7-9am, Sat, Jul 2 #9833
Early morning is a spectacular time to experience the beauty of the marsh before the heat of the day drives birds to seek shelter from the noonday sun! We might get a glimpse of seldom-seen nocturnal animals as they end their "day" and prepare for sleep. 12+rys

Reg. Required: (510) 636-1684

COYOTE SCOUT INSTITUTE ☀️

Coyote Hills Kristina Parkison
1:30-3:30pm, Sat, Jul 2 #9834, Jul 16 #9835, Aug 6 #9836, Aug 20 #9837
Adventure awaits the adventurous! You'll explore the mysterious natural environment of the Bay Area through activities such as scavenger hunts, orienteering, biking and hiking. Each session covers a different exciting topic. **July 2:** Marsh and pond exploration. **July 16:** Birding. **August 6:** Insects. **August 20:** Bats. 8-12rys
Reg. Required: (510) 636-1684
Fee: \$6 (non-res. \$8)

MARSH MADNESS

SCAVENGER HUNT ☀️
Coyote Hills Kristina Parkison
9:30-11am, Mon, Jul 4 #9838
If fun in the sun is what you're looking for this 4th of July, then look no further! Join in this fun and educational scavenger hunt. You'll be given a list of special plants and animals and the clues needed to find them. Along the way, you just might find you've learned something new. 6+rys
Reg. Required: (510) 636-1684

AMAZING ADAPTATIONS ☀️

Coyote Hills Kristina Parkison
1-3pm, Mon, Jul 4
Would you like to eat at the Bird Beak Cafe? Be able to smell as well as a coyote? Join us for this fun exploration of the

wonderful world of animal adaptations and learn what it takes to survive when everyone bigger than you thinks you're lunch! 5+rys

CALIFORNIA INDIAN CULTURAL IMMERSION ☀️

Coyote Hills Southworth/Parkison 10am-2pm, Weds, Jul 6, 20, 27 #9846
Take advantage of this unique opportunity to gain in-depth knowledge of Ohlone lifestyles through hands-on explorations including rope and boat making, games, and adventure! This series of classes is aimed at kids looking for a fun way to explore their surroundings and learn more about what life was like 500 years ago. 8-12rys
Reg. Required: (510) 636-1684
Fee: \$60 (non-res. \$8)



THE BUTTERFLY GARDEN IS OPEN ☀️
Coyote Hills

Southworth, Volunteers 10am-4pm, Sat, Jul 9, Aug 6, 13, 27 Stroll the winding path or find a quiet spot to sit while you observe the birds and butterflies of summer at work and play among the garden blossoms. Pick-up a pamphlet and discover how you can create wildlife habitat in your own yard.

VOLUNTEER GARDENERS

10am-noon, Sat, Jul 9

Help the garden gang today with the lavender harvest. We'll clip and bundle sheaves of lavender to hang and dry. Then we'll prune, shape, and mulch the lavender, bed providing it with much-needed TLC. 12+rys

DIGITAL FLOWER

PHOTO WORKSHOP ☀️

Coyote Hills Southworth/Jedlovec 1:30-3:00pm, Sat, Jul 9 Volunteer and nature photographer Don Jedlovec will join us in hosting a brief tutorial on flower photography using digital technology. We'll cover the use of natural and artificial light to capture spectacular images. Photographers of any skill level can join us to learn more about depth of field, color, and management of background. Then we'll visit the Nectar Garden to apply our new techniques. Bring your own camera. 10+rys

THE MAGIC OF MONARCHS ☀️

Coyote Hills Annie O'Keefe 10:30am-noon, Sun, Jul 10

Learn about the fascinating life cycle of Monarch butterflies. We'll have fun with a craft project in the garden, find out what butterflies like to eat, and search for some Monarch friends

Fee: \$3

TEATIME TREKKERS PART II ☀️

Coyote Hills Southworth/Estacio 2-4pm, Tue, Jul 12 #9853, Jul 26 #9854, Aug 9 #9855, Aug 23 #9856

This series is designed for seniors who may prefer a less vigorous ramble of under 2 miles over mostly level trails with time to stop and learn about birds and flowers along the way. We'll finish our meander in the Butterfly Garden where, in true English tradition, we'll sip tea, enjoy a sweet or savory and pursue "the art of conversation." 12+rys

Reg. Required: (510) 636-1684

Fee: \$3

HELLMOUND MONDAYS ☀️

Coyote Hills Beverly Ortiz 2-4:30pm, Mon, Jul 18 #9857, Jul 25 #9858, Aug 1 #9859, Aug 8 #9860, Aug 15 #9861

Help us honor 2,000 years of human history by repairing ramadas and building family houses at an early-day Tuibun-Ohlone village site. We'll also clean and weed. You'll be introduced to how the Ohlone and their ancestors lived so well for so long in this area. 12+rys

Reg. Required: (510) 636-1684

COYOTE CUBS ☀️

Coyote Hills Kristina Parkison 10-11:30am, Tue, Jul 19 #9862 2-3:30pm, Tue, Jul 19 #9863

10-11:30am, Tue, Aug 16 #9864

2-3:30pm, Tue, Aug 16 #9865

Explore the natural world in a hands-on way as we focus on different natural history subjects each month through stories, games, and crafts. Bring your little ones out for fun in the park! 3-5 yrs
Reg. Required: (510) 636-1684
Fee: \$6 (non-res. \$8)

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA INDIAN SKILLS ☀️

Coyote Hills Beverly Ortiz 2-4pm, Wed, Jul 20 #9866 2-4pm, Wed, Jul 27 #9867 2-4pm, Wed, Aug 3 #9868 2-4pm, Wed, Aug 17 #9869

Native peoples knew how to balance human needs with that of the land and its inhabitants. During this introductory Central California Indian skills you'll make objects with pine nuts and beads (Jul 20), Pomo- and Miwok-style dolls (Aug 3), and mats using tule (Aug 17). 10+rys
Reg. Required: (510) 636-1684
Fee: \$5 (non-res. \$7)

SUNDAY NATURE ADVENTURES ☀️

Coyote Hills Interpretive Staff 11am-noon, Sun, Jul 24, Aug 21, 28 We'll share stories about snakes or butterflies, marshes or shellmounds, and what makes them important to the world we live in. Call for details for the day you're planning to visit. Suitable for organizers groups.

ALAMEDA CREEK BY BIKE ☀️

Coyote Hills/Alameda Creek Trail Kristina Parkison

7-9pm, Tue, Jul 26

Biking is the best way to explore this lovely flat 19 mile round-trip trail. We'll begin in Coyote Hills, biking to the end of the trail in Niles. Along the way, we'll bird and enjoy the scenery. On the way back, we'll stop and explore Quarry Lakes. We'll get there for the price of one! 12+rys

Reg. Required: (510) 636-1684

BIKING AND BIRDING

QUARRY LAKE ☀️

Coyote Hills to Quarry Lakes Kristina Parkison 7:30-10:30am, Sat, Aug 6 #9881

Get set for a fun way to explore your local parks and get in some birding. We'll begin at Coyote Hills for a bit of fabulous biking by bike. We'll then travel to Quarry Lake to get in a little birding there before the day heats up and the birds seek shade. We'll return to Coyote Hills in time for a little refreshment in the Butterfly Garden. 12+rys

Reg. Required: (510) 636-1684

Fee: \$3

A WONDERFUL BIRD IS THE PELICAN

Coyote Hills Parkison/Jedlovec 11am-noon, Sat, Aug 6

Come learn about our colony of American white pelicans. The largest of North American birds, the pelican inhabits our marshes in large numbers each summer. Come learn how to find them, get close to, and photograph them through this digital photo presentation. 10+rys

HIKE BACK 2000 YEARS ☀️

Coyote Hills Kristina Parkison 10:30am-noon, Sun, Aug 7 Bring your zest for fresh air and history this afternoon marsh walk. We'll look to wildlife and share myths and stories that highlight Ohlone relationships with plants and animals.

GOOEY GEOLOGY ☀️

Coyote Hills Kristina Parkison 9:30-11:30am, Sat, Aug 20 Come rock out with us! We'll explore the exciting world of geology through fun and edible experiments. Along the way, we will learn geological principles and how to identify the three basic kinds of rock.

You'll have a lava trouble forgetting this class. 8-12yrs
Reg. Required: (510) 636-1684
Fee: \$3

BIRDING & BREAKFAST

IN THE GARDEN ☀

Coyote Hills Jan Southworth
9:10:30am, Sat, Aug 27

Join us for some morning birding and a breakfast treat in the park's late-summer oasis where food and water are still abundant. The Butterfly Garden is still full of nectar-rich blossoms for resident hummingbirds, while sunflowers and other food plants and feeders supply food for many other species. Bring your favorite beverage and we'll supply the treat as we enjoy a relaxing "armchair birding" experience. 10-yrs
Reg. Required: (510) 636-1684
Fee: \$3

CRAB COVE

Crab Cove Visitor Center is open Wednesdays-Sundays from 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. through November. School programs are available. For information about naturalist programs or other activities, call (510) 521-6887 or email ccove@ebparks.org.



The remodeled Crab Cove Visitor Center offers exciting new interactive exhibits, including as a viewer that displays magnified images, such as the feather shown above, on a color monitor.

PARADE PREPARATION 銅锣
Crab Cove Gail Broesder
10:30am-2pm, Sun, Jul 3

Put your creativity to use and join us in preparing our annual 4th of July Parade entry. We'll be working on it all day so come when you can. There will be something for everyone, big and small, to work on. Then admire your work up close by walking with us in the parade on the 4th!

ALAMEDA 4TH OF JULY PARADE

Crab Cove Gail Broesder
9am-1pm, Mon, Jul 4
Join us for some Alameda 'hometown' fun, as we celebrate Independence Day. You can be a part of the annual Crab Cove entry in the 4th of July Parade.

SEA SIBLINGS ☀

Crab Cove Gail Broesder, Nancy Krebs
9:30-10:30am, Tue, Jul 5 #9888
11am-noon, Tue, Jul 5 #9899
9:30-10:30am, Tue, Jul 19 #9900
11am-noon, Tue, Jul 19 #9901
9:30-10:30am, Tue, Aug 2 #9902
11am-noon, Tue, Aug 2 #9903
9:30-10:30am, Tue, Aug 16 #9904
11am-noon, Tue, Aug 16 #9905

Sea Siblings targets the 3-5 year old learning ability while providing the option of inviting a 1-5 year-old sibling or friend along for outdoor exploration and a theme-related craft. All kids pay the course fee. **July 5:** All About Arthropods: insects, spiders, mites, crabs, centipedes, and more. **July 19:** Lovely Lepidoptera: Explore the incredible life cycle of local butterflies. **Aug. 2:** I Scream, You Scream, We all Scream for Seaweed? **Aug. 16:** Sharks-around us They aren't scary after all.

Reg. Required: (510) 636-1684
Fee: \$4

LOW TIDE DISCOVERY WALK ☀

Crab Cove Bethany Facendini
9:10:30am, Sat, Jul 9

Have you ever seen a bat ray bath, sea squirt, or beach hopper? Discover these creatures and more at this amazing marine reserve! We will take advantage of the minus tide on this 1-mile exploratory walk for all ages and abilities. Be prepared for a wet and muddy environment.

SEA SQUirts ☀

Crab Cove Interpretive Staff

10-11:30am, Tue, Jul 12 #9889
10-11:30am, Tue, Jul 26 #9890

10-11:30am, Tue, Aug 9 #9891
10-11:30am, Tue, Aug 23 #9892

Exclusively for 3-5 year olds accompanied by an adult, this is a great way to discover nature with your little one. Each program offers outdoor exploration and a theme related craft and snack. See our Sea Siblings program if you prefer to have 1-5 year olds join their 3-5 year old siblings. **July 12:** All About Arthropods: insects, spiders, mites, crabs, centipedes, and more. **July 26:** Lovely Lepidoptera—Explore the incredible life cycle of local butterflies. **Aug. 9:** I Scream, You Scream, We all Scream for Seaweed? **Aug. 23:** Sharks-around us They aren't scary after all.

Reg. Required: (510) 636-1684
Fee: \$6 (non-res. \$8)

ESTUARY EXPLORERS ☀

Crab Cove Visitor Center Interpretive Staff

3:30-5pm, Thu, Jul 14 #9894
3:30-5pm, Thu, Jul 28 #9895

3:30-5pm, Thu, Aug 11 #9896
3:30-5pm, Thu, Aug 25 #9897

Estuary Explorers is designed for 6-8 year olds and includes outdoor exploration and a theme-related craft and snack. Parents/guardians are encouraged to drop off their child to allow for an independent nature experience, with naturalist guidance. A parent/medical waiver signed by a parent/guardian must be on file. **July 14:** Wow, arthropods! Discover the largest group of organisms in the animal kingdom. **July 28:** Lovely Lepidoptera: investigate the mysteries of local butterflies' life cycles. **Aug. 11:** Eat Algae? No-way or will we? Seaweed is today's topic. **Aug. 25:** What two words make a shark jump for joy? "Man Overboard!" Explore the real world of sharks rather than the movie version.

Reg. Required: (510) 636-1684
Fee: \$6 (non-res. \$8)

HARD BODIES, JOINTED LEGS: ☀

ARTHROPODS

Crab Cove Naturalist Nancy

3-4:30pm, Sat, Jul 16

Crabs, spiders, and centipedes are some of the organisms which make up the largest group in the animal kingdom. Explore the world of arthropods and search for these critters who "live in a box."

Sunol Regional Wilderness, near the town of Sunol, offers guided horseback rides with an introduction to the cultural and natural history of the park.



SUNOL

Sunol Visitor Center is open Sat.-Sun., 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. For info, call (925) 862-2601 or email svist@ebparks.org

OUTDOOR DISCOVERIES ☀

Sunol Interpretive Staff

10-11:30am, Various dates

Children 3-5 years and an adult are invited to explore the wilderness with a naturalist guide. Different topics introduced each week. Call for space availability and topics for May programs. Summer sessions (June-August) filled by application. Call for a summer application, deadline for application Mon., May 23

Reg. Required: (925) 862-2601
Fee: \$6 (non-res. \$8)

THE TAUNAN OHNONE

OF SUNOL WILDERNESS ☀

Sunol Norm Kidder
1-3:30pm, Sat, Jul 9
Learn the history of the park's first inhabitants as we walk from the visitor center one mile to the site of "Alac," an Ohlone village known in historic times.

VALLEY NATURE RIDE ☀

Sunol Interpretive Staff

10-10:45am, Sun, Jul 10 #9997

10-10:45am, Sun, Jul 31 #9998

10-10:45am, Sun, Aug 14 #9999

10-10:45am, Sun, Aug 28 #10000

Enjoy an introduction to the cultural and natural history of Sunol, then enjoy a 20 minute guided horseback ride. Parent participation required. 6-yrs

Reg. Required: (510) 636-1684
Fee: \$17 (non-res. \$19)

ECO-EXPLORERS:

FLAG HILL HIKE/STAR SEARCH ☀

Sunol Cat Taylor

7-10:30pm, Sat, Aug 20

Tonight, we'll scale the face of Flag Hill and enjoy some star tales from its peak before descending in darkness through High Valley. We may even be treated to a few remnant glimpses of the Perseid Meteor Shower. Three miles round trip. Adult participation required (one for every 2 children). Grades 3-7

Reg. Required: (925) 862-2601
Fee: \$6 (non-res. \$8)

TILDEN NATURE AREA

The Environmental Education Center is open Tue.-Sun. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. The Little Farm is open daily. For info call (510) 525-2233 or email tnarea@ebparks.org.

SUNDAY BIRDS

Tilden Nature Area Jessica Sheppard
9-11:30am, Sun, Jul 3

Meet at the Visitor Center for an easy exploration of woodland birds around the lake and through the oak and bay along a stream

DO YOU D.A.R.E.?: AMERICAN NATURE WORDS

Tilden Nature Area Alan Kaplan
10am-noon, Mon, Jul 4
The Dictionary of American Regional English questionnaire asks about weather,

ARTIST EXHIBITION:

MICHELE MANNING: LAKE ANZA SERIES

Environmental Educational Center
10am-5pm, July 1-31

Award-winning illustrator and now full-time fine artist, Michèle Manning, will display a series of vibrant pastels on a subject apropos to Tilden Park. In the words of the artist: "This series started with a dragonfly landing on my toe as I was floating in our jewel of a lake, Anza. I had to draw it! So I brought my camera next time and started taking pictures. After finishing "Artist's Date with Dragonfly", I wanted to frame a swimmer with my feet, resulting in "Floating in Lake Anza". Then I became enraptured with the children. A dozen more paintings lead me to become fascinated with the swimmers in the lap area. This resulted in my taking swimming lessons, joining them out there and later doing a self-portrait: "Michèle's Butterfly", which was used on the cover of Aquatics International.

ARTIST RECEPTION-

MICHELE MANNING

Tilden Nature Area
Jessica Sheppard, Interpretive Staff
2:30-4pm, Sun, Jul 3
Come and meet artist Michèle Manning, whose "Lake Anza Series" is on display in the Visitor Center. She will have artwork for sale. Light refreshments will be served.



KELLY FOX

Hikers, equestrians, bikes...and strollers. Regional Parks trails are truly multiple use. Popular paved trails include the Nimitz Way in Tilden, the Alameda Creek Trail running from Coyote Hills past Quarry Lakes in Fremont, the Iron Horse Trail connecting Pleasanton and Concord, the horseshoe-shaped Contra Costa Canal Trail in Concord and Martinez, and the Marsh Creek and Delta de Anza regional trails connecting Brentwood, Antioch, and Pittsburg, and continuing westward over the Willow Pass.

topography, animals, wildflowers and weeds. We'll sample questions, compare answers with informants from around the USA, and then hike out in the park to try out our new vocabulary.

LITTLE FARM WEEK ☀️

Tilden Nature Area Scott, Gargano 10am-4:30pm, Mon-Fri, Jul 4-8 #8131, Jul 25-29 #8132, Aug 1-5 #8133

Experience the old-time country farm lifestyle during a week of farm camp fun! We'll learn about farm animals, dig, shovel, harvest, cook, get dirty, and have fun 8-11yrs

Reg. Required: (510) 636-1684

Fee: \$150 (non-res. \$166)

4TH OF JULY OPEN HOUSE

Tilden Nature Area Interpretive Staff 11am-4pm, Mon, Jul 4

Join us for a day of critters, crafts and creative fun! Visit with our reptiles and



KEVIN FOX

Waiting for the Big One. Fish plantings occur several times each month at almost all Regional Parks fishing lakes. See www.ebparks.org/fish/lakes for a schedule

10 Registration: www.ebparks.org/webreg

(510) 636-1684

Program Info-Ardenwood: (510) 796-0663; Black Diamond: (925) 757-2620; Coyote Hills: (510) 795-9355; Crab Cove: (510) 521-6887; Sunol: (925) 862-2601; Tilden Nature Area (510) 522-

bunnies (not at the same time!), play games, make nature crafts and maybe even a tasty snack.

INTERDEPENDENCE DAY HIKE

Tilden Nature Area 2-4pm, Mon, Jul 4

Alan Kaplan
Alan's Third Law of Ecology is, 'no life lives unconnected to other life (with one exception).' We'll walk to see root nodules, lichens, parasites and other examples of living together in the natural world.

MINI-RANGERS ☀️

Tilden Nature Area Dave Zuckermann 3:30-5:30pm, Tue, Jul 5 #10057, Aug 9

Find out how it feels to be a Ranger! Join us for an active afternoon of nature study, conservation and rambling through woods and water. Dress to get dirty. For 8-12 year olds, unaccompanied by their parents.

Reg. Required: (510) 636-1684

Fee: \$6 (non-res. \$8)

TILDEN TOTS ☀️

Tilden Nature Area Linda Yemoto 10-11:30am, Wed, Jul 6 #10059, Thu, Jul 7 #10060, Tue, Aug 23 #10061, Wed, Aug 24 #10062

Join an outdoor, nature adventure program for 3 & 4 year olds, each accompanied by an adult (grandparents welcome)! In July we'll capture and release butterflies (depending on the weather). In August we'll look for our reptile friends.

Reg. Required: (510) 636-1684

Fee: \$6 (non-res. \$8)

TILDEN EXPLORERS ☀️

Tilden Nature Area Linda Yemoto 3:15-4:45pm, Wed, Jul 6 #10063, Thu, Aug 25 #10064

An afternoon nature adventure for 5-7 year olds, who may be accompanied by an adult. No younger siblings please. In July we'll capture and release butterflies and moths. In August we'll search for reptiles.

Reg. Required: (510) 636-1684

Fee: \$6 (non-res. \$8)

MINI-FARMERS

Tilden Nature Area Interpretive Staff 10-11:30am, Sat, Jul 9, Aug 13

A farm exploration program for kids ages 4-6 years. We will explore the Little Farm, care for animals, do crafts and farm chores.

Reg. Required: (510) 525-2233

Fee: \$6 (non-res. \$8)

SUMMER SCIENCE WEEKS ☀️

Tilden Nature Area Alan Kaplan 10am-4pm, Mon-Fri, Jul 11-15 #8138, Jul 18-22 #8139, Aug 8-12 #8140, Aug 15-19 #8141

Week-long sessions covering biology topics of interest to junior scientists. **July 11**-Mammals and birds: pick apart an owl pellet, prepare a mammal baby announcement and discover your home range. **July 18**-Potpourri: different topics daily. Pond and Stream, Reptiles and Amphibians, Dinos, Astronomy, Rainforests. **Aug. 8**-Small World and Body Biology: human biology and a close look at the kingdoms of life. **Aug. 15**-Best of Science Week: favorites from past sessions. 9-12yrs

Reg. Required: (510) 636-1684

Fee: \$160 (non-res. \$176)

POLLUTION SOLUTIONS

Tilden Nature Area Nicole Hicks 1-3pm, Sat, Jul 9

There is a lot of pollution out there, most of it in your home. We are going to focus on indoor air quality to see how we can make our families, homes and Earth a cleaner, safer place to live. Some samples will be provided.

Reg. Required: (510) 525-2233

Fee: \$8 (non-res. \$10)

KIDS GARDEN CLUB

Tilden Nature Area Interpretive Staff 2-4pm, Sat, Jul 9, 23, Aug 6, 20

An exciting club for children ages 7-12, exploring the world of gardening. We plant, harvest, build, make crafts, cook and get dirty! Themes and activities vary.

Reg. Required: (510) 525-2233

Fee: \$6 (non-res. \$8)

CAMPFIRE & SING-ALONG

Tilden Nature Area Margaret Kelley 5:30-8:30pm, Sun, Jul 10, Aug 7

Bring your hot dogs, buns, marshmallows, and lo-o-g sticks. Cook over an open fire, sing songs, and tell stories. Dress for fog. We'll walk uphill to the campfire circle.

KEVIN FOX
Cool mornings are perfect for bringing little ones enjoy nature at a Regional Park

ARTIST EXHIBITION-PATRICIA BULITT

Tilden Nature Area

10am-5pm, Aug 3-Sep 30

Performance artist, Patricia Bulitt, along with artist Debra Green and Annie Hallatt have developed an enchanting art exhibition featuring eleven large, cut out birds with English, Chinese and Spanish text on bio ecology and natural history. Come wander through these wondrous creations as you learn about ever birds of the Bay Area. You can participate in "Building a Bird Cage" from an old fish net by writing a message to a bird which will be tied to the cage with a molted feather from a Canada goose

INTERPRETIVE DANCE PERFORMANCE

Tilden Nature Area

2-3:30pm, Sun, Aug 14

Patricia Bulitt, dance/movement artist, along with cellist Marcie Brown will perform an original piece designed to enhance the exhibit, "Birds You Can Read-Eleven," which is currently on display at the Environmental Education Center. Information, call (510) 525-2233

MEET THE ARTIST: PATRICIA BULITT

Tilden Nature Area

2:30-4pm, Sun, Aug 14

Come and meet dance/movement artist, Patricia Bulitt, immediately following her performance. Learn what inspired her production of the exhibit and performance. Light refreshments will be served

STORY HOUR

Tilden Nature Area Interpretive Staff

3-4pm, Sun, Jul 24

Take a break from the heat and hear a nature tale in the cool of the visitor center

PANCRUSTACEA IS NOT A DISH

Tilden Nature Area Alan Kaplan

2-4pm, Sat, Jul 30

A realignment of animal groups has brought insects some interesting rela-

and removed others from their family tree. We'll look for examples of both former and new relationships.

THE NEW TREE OF LIFE

Tilden Nature Area Alan Kaplan
2-4pm, Sun, Jul 31
Slime molds are social amoebae; fungi and you have a lot in common; and "old green plants ain't what they used to be." We'll look for examples of new ways of looking at life in forest, meadow and pond.

THE BAT DETECTIVE

Tilden Nature Area Jessica Sheppard
7-9:30pm, Sat, Aug 6 #10087

Catch the latest information about the only mammal that truly flies. Great mysteries will be revealed with pictures, activities, snacks and a hike into the evening with tools to eavesdrop on their usually inaudible conversations. Bring your myths, face your fears, and leave with respect for this valuable bug-eater.

Reg. Required: (510) 636-1684

Fee: \$5 (non-res. \$7) 4yrs and under free

STAY COOL ON THE TRAIL

Tilden Nature Area Jessica Sheppard
1-2:30pm, Sun, Aug 7

Our riparian canyon features some wonderful trails that offer a break from the heat. Stroll easily and stop often to hear about the lives of the dragonflies, snakes and secretive packrats.

TILDEN TORTOISES

Tilden Nature Area Dave Zuckermann
9:30-11:30am, Tue, Aug 9
Join our slow-paced hiking group and explore the history of the Nature Area. We'll cover a mile or two of gentle trail. 55+ yrs

HOW A FLOWER GROWS

Tilden Nature Area Nicole Hicks
11am-12:30pm, Thu, Aug 11

How do seeds turn into flowers? Why do some flowers smell sweet and others like rotting meat? What do bees and butterflies have to do with flowers? This program for 8-12 year olds will explore how flowers grow along with their role in local ecosystems.

Fee: \$5 (non-res. \$7)

SUSHI FOR THE MORE ADVENTUROUS

Tilden Nature Area Linda Yemoto
11:30am-2:30pm, Sat, Aug 13 #10092
Another hands-on opportunity to make and taste many different kinds of sushi! Learn about the history and natural history of this ancient cuisine as you make and taste several of the more exotic varieties of sushi. Parent participation required for 8-10 year olds. 8+ yrs.

Reg. Required: (510) 636-1684

Fee: \$40/\$35 62-yrs/\$25 8-12yrs/
(non-res. \$44/\$39/\$29)

ALL LIFE

STRIVES TO HAVE GRANDCHILDREN

Tilden Nature Area Alan Kaplan
2-4pm, Sat, Aug 27

Alan's second law of ecology explains why there is so much activity by insects, birds, flowers, and other living things aimed at finding a mate. We'll look for examples of adults and offspring.

WHEN CALLED A BIRDBRAIN,

SAY THANK YOU!

Tilden Nature Area Alan Kaplan
10am-noon, Sun, Aug 28

New research in bird anatomy and learning

shows that our avian associates are capable of great things. We'll look for smart birds and see what they are doing with all that brain power.

ALL OF LIFE IS A GREAT THIRST

Tilden Nature Area Alan Kaplan
2-4pm, Sun, Aug 28

Alain's first law of ecology reflects the strain of being creatures out of the water but needing it for every cell to function. We'll talk about kidneys 'from fish to philosopher' and look for examples of how life copes with keeping as much water as it can inside.

VARIOUS PARKS

DEL VALLE CAMPFIRE PROGRAMS

Del Valle Interpretive Staff
8:30-9:30pm, Fri & Sat, Jul & Aug

Join the Sunol interpretive staff for entertaining and educational programs at the campground amphitheater. We will visit campsites before each evening's campfire program to answer questions about the Regional Parks, Del Valle, and park plants and animals. Non-campers are welcome! **July 1, Aug. 5**-Historical Sketches of Del Valle. **July 2, July 8, 15, 16, 22, 29**-The Natural World of Del Valle. **July 9, 23, Aug. 13, 20, 27**-Del Valle-Its Present and Past. **July 30**-Indians of California. **Aug. 6**-Stories of the Night Sky. **Aug. 12**-What Ever Happened to California Grizzly Bears? **Aug. 19**-The Light of the Moon. **Aug. 26**-Batting by Moonlight.

YEAR OF THE ESTUARY AT POINT PINOLE

Various Parks Sheppard/Kelley/Kaplan
10am-1pm, Sat, Jul 2 Point Pinole
1:30-3:30pm, Sun, Jul 10 Miller/Knox
10am-noon, Sat, Jul 10 Point Isabel

July 2-Point Pinole: Hear the explosive cultural history as you experience the now-tranquil natural history of this shoreline park. Enjoy beautiful bay views and the cool breeze. Dogs are welcome, but please bring a leash and baggies. Bring your lunch, liquids, sunscreen and binoculars if you want to do a little bit of birding. **July 10**-Miller/Knox: Hike the hills and stroll the shore while enjoying cool bay breezes and city views in the historic park. Bring a sack lunch and water. Meet in the first parking lot off Dornan Drive near Pt. Richmond. **July 30**-Point Isabel: Meet at the end of Isabel Street (past the Costco) for a walk along the waterfront, marsh, bay and slough. We'll look for birds in bright plumage, down early from their northern breeding grounds. There could be dogs at this canine-friendly park.

LAKE DEL VALLE

SCENIC BOAT TOUR

West-side Concession Interpretive Staff
1-2:30pm, Sat and Sun, Jul and Aug

There's no better way to enjoy Del Valle than being out on the lake. Join us on a boat tour to the dam. We'll answer your questions about the lake, the wildlife, and the activities available for you in the park. Bring a jacket, sunscreen and binoculars if you have them. Purchase tickets at the west-side concession beginning at 11am; age 13 and up/\$42.25; age 1-12/\$2.75, under 1 year/free if in parent's arms. All children under 13 (including infants) and all non-swimming adults will be required to wear a provided flotation device. Programs may be canceled if there are five or fewer participants or if lake is too dry. Fee: \$4.25/\$2.75/under 4yrs free

The Regional Parks Public Safety Department, with 62 sworn police officers and 40 support staff under the newly appointed Chief Timothy Anderson, uses a range of patrols to maintain the parks' safe and clean environment for all to enjoy.



862-2601, email svsist@ebparks.org, or write Sunol Regional Wilderness, P.O. Box 82, Sunol, CA 94586

MID-DAY MEANDER

Point Pinole Tue, Jul 5 Alan Kaplan
2:30-4:30pm, Tue, Jul 5
Visit this crown jewel of our western corridor parks. Early returnee shorebirds will still be in summer breeding plumage.*

TUESDAY TWILIGHT OF THE GODS

Tilden, Inspiration Point Alan Kaplan
8-10pm, Tue, Jul 5

Both Saturn and Jupiter, two gods of old, should be visible tonight. Hear what great writers and poets have thought about the stars and night. We'll meet at Inspiration Point in Tilden Park, and walk down the Nimitz Way in sunlight and walk back in shadow. Flashlights OK. Dress warmly.

WEDNESDAY WALKS

Various Parks Christina Garcia
9:30-11:30am, Wed, Jul 6, 20, 27,
Aug. 17, 24, 31

Explore a new East Bay Regional Park every week with our friendly walking group. Discover the natural and human history of our beautiful parklands and improve your health on a fast-paced hike. Hikers of all ages and abilities are welcome. Wear sturdy footwear and bring water. Hikes begin at 9:30 a.m. For more information and complete directions, please call (510) 796-0199 or e-mail cgarcia@ebparks.org and request a flyer **July 6** - Anthony Chabot Hike in the beautiful hills surrounding Lake Chabot on a strenuous 4-mile route with some uphill climbing, including one particularly steep section. Meet at Proctor





A early morning fisherman at Quarry Lakes Regional Recreation Area in Fremont. Quarry Lakes offers fishing, swimming, and hiking. There are also reservable picnic areas suitable for family get-togethers or large corporate gatherings.

Staging Area on Redwood Road. July 20—Diablo Foothills/Mt. Diablo State Park:

Travel through oak-studded grasslands on the gently rolling foothills of Mt. Diablo on this moderately strenuous hike covers about 4 miles. Meet at Maceda Ranch Staging area. No Dogs, please. Calif. State Parks Parking Fee applies. **July 27—Coyote Hills** - After a steep hike up to the top of South Red Hill we'll take the beautiful Meadowlark Trail along the edge of the South Marsh (3.5 miles). Meet at the Visitor Center. **Aug. 17—Garin/Dry Creek Pioneer:** Start with a short climb up a grassy ridge then hike about 4 miles through fragrant Oak-Bay woodlands and shady canyons. Meet at the Barn. **Aug. 24—Oyster Bay:** Enjoy spectacular views of the Bay on an easy 3-mile walk. Bring binoculars to appreciate the abundant waterfowl and shorebirds. **Aug. 31—Anthony Chabot:** Meet at Chabot Park in San Leandro to hike a secluded streamside path bordered with lush vegetation followed by a trip around Bass Cove on this moderately strenuous 5.3- mile hike.

PLANT MATERIALS GATHERING ☀

Various Parks Beverly Ortiz
10am-4:30pm, Wed, Jul 6 #8978,
10am-4:30pm, Wed, Aug 17 #8979

California Indians managed the landscape with methods that increased the health and abundance of plants and other animals. Learn about these methods while gathering plant materials for use in cultural programs. Location depends on plant availability. Ortiz will contact participants about 1-2 weeks before the program to provide directions and info. 18+ yrs
Reg. Required: (510) 636-1684

THURSDAY BIRDING:

DALE, SWALE, RIPARIAN REGALE
Various parks Mike Moran
9-11am, Thu, Jul 7, Aug. 4, 18
Cool-ish strolls during which our avian graces we extoll! **July 7—Rock Valley:** Golden eagles to rock wrens. **Aug. 4—Ironhouse Sanitary District:** finely plumed shorebirds, drakes, and hens. **Aug. 18—Diablo Foothills:** falcons and the woodland denizens on which they depend!
Reg. Required: (925) 757-2620

familial! Para m-s informacion acerca de las caminatas, favor de comunicarse con Betania al tel. (510)521-6887

MAKING A DIFFERENCE ☀

MLK Jr. Shoreline Bethany Facendini
10am-noon, Sun, Jul 24 #9917

Come demonstrate your passion for the natural environment and community spirit by joining us for a shoreline cleanup project! Find out exactly how personal acts of preserving the San Francisco Bay Estuary have global impacts. We will supply gloves, trash bags, and refreshments for all volunteers. Meet at Martin Luther King, Jr. Shoreline at the Tidewater Avenue entrance. You can make a difference in protecting the Bay!

Reg. Required: (510) 636-1684

WILDERNESS TREKKERS ☀

Sunol/Del Valle Interpretive Staff
7-9pm, Wed, Jul 27 #10004
10-11:30am, Tue, Aug 2 #10005

10am-noon, Fri, Aug 26

Children in grades K-6 will explore the world of birds, bugs, bouncing butterflies, slithering snakes and other wilderness beasts during a series of adventures. Parental participation is usually optional, may be required for some programs. Enrollment limited. **July 27—Sunol:** We'll explore the shores of Alameda Creek, making our way upstream until we're hungry for dessert. Come sunset and the night sky we'll return to catch starbright starlight and a few wishes too! Wear shoes that can get very wet, bring a change of clothing, water, an old blanket to lie upon and a dessert snack to share. **Aug. 2—Sunol:** Over and

under, through and around any water that may lie before us—that is how we hike today. We'll find out how it feels to be a fish-in-the-water as we navigate twists, turns, riffles and pools of Alameda Creek. Once we get our fins wet, we'll keep them in the stream-bed until we arrive back to our spawning-area. Wear clothes that can get drenched and cover-toed shoes. Keep an extra set of clothes in the car for after. **Aug. 26—Del Valle/Bay Float:** We'll set sail on the Lake Del Valle tourboat and explore the coves and bays of this man-made lake as we make our way down to the dam and back. We talk about everything water-related—above, on and around the lake, including hopefully, the bald eagles. Bring a jacket (it can get COLD on the lake, even in weather) and binoculars.

Reg. Required: (925) 862-2601

Fee: \$6 (non-res. \$8)

NATURE'S MUSIC ☀

Anthony Chabot Bethany Facendini
3-4:30pm, Sat, Jul 30

Explore the sounds of nature—what male crickets chirp, bees buzz, and birds sing. We will tune into the music of these creatures and more through a sensory nature games, and a craft.

Reg. Required: (510) 521-6887

Fee: \$5 (non-res. \$7)

STORIES OF STARLIGHT ☀

Briones Sabrina Dussau
8:30-10:30pm, Sat, Jul 30 #8930

It's time to get to know the summer skies! We'll travel the galaxy, navigate through constellations, and gaze out at the rest



Dave Zuckermann leads a group of seniors through Tilden Regional Park on the popular "Over-The-Hills-Gang" hikes. Dave's expertise as a naturalist brings a wealth of information to these hikes, and to the kids he leads on his also-popular Mini-Rangers program for 8-12 year olds

RETURN OF THE OVER-THE-HILLS-GANG ☀

Various Parks Dave Zuckermann
10am-noon, Tue, Jul 26 Huckleberry

10am-noon, Tue, Aug 30 Point Pinole

Hikers 55 years and older who are interested in nature study, history, fitness and fun are invited to join us on a series of monthly excursions exploring our Regional Parks. **July 26—Huckleberry:** Hike on the cool side as we explore this special botanical preserve. **August 30—Point Pinole:** Discover the park's explosive and peaceful past on this flat, easy-paced walk. 55+ yrs
Reg. Required: (510) 525-2233



Southworth

TEATIME TREKKERS ☕

Various Parks Southworth/Estacio
2-4pm, Tue, Jul 5 #9841, Jul 19
#9842, Aug 2 #9843, Aug 16
#9844, Aug 30 #9845

Join our intrepid trekkers for vigorous walks of 2+ miles. After a little natural history added for spice, some stretching, deep breathing and a bit of huffing and puffing to take in the views, we'll conclude with tea and refreshments in the shade. Come for exercise and good conversation. **July 5:** Coyote Hills. **July 19:** Coyote Hills. **Aug. 2:** Garin. **Aug. 16:** Ardenwood. **Aug. 30:** Coyote Hills. 12+ yrs
Reg. Required: (510) 636-1684
Fee: \$3

the universe. Tales of the celestial genre will shine throughout our journey. Meet at the Alhambra Creek Staging Area. Bring blankets, binoculars, telescopes, or just a sense of wonder.

Reg. Required: (510) 636-1684

AROUND LAKE CHABOT ☕

Lake Chabot Gail Broesder
9am-2pm, Sun, Jul 31
It may look easy, but a hike around Lake Chabot is longer than you think. We'll explore the rich history and importance of the area on this nine-mile hike. 10+ yrs
Reg. Required: (510) 521-6887.

**TUESDAY TWILIGHT:
MORGAN MEANDERINGS**

Morgan Territory Cat Taylor
7-9pm, Tue, Aug 2
Pack up the whole family and a picnic supper for this gently rolling hike through grasslands, oak savannah and chaparral. We'll dine with extraordinary views of Mount Diablo as we pause on a craggy sandstone outcrop and ponder the secrets of the past. Bring layers (it can get quite windy) and a flashlight (we'll be returning after dark). We may even be treated to a star show and some early meteors from the annual Perseid Meteor shower. Meet at the main staging area off of Morgan Territory Road. From Livermore, take the North Livermore exit off of Highway 580. Turn North onto North Livermore and proceed until it turns left and becomes Manning. After 3/4 mile, turn right (north) onto Morgan Territory Road. It becomes one lane and quite curvy, so allow extra time. The staging area is about 6 miles up and on the right.

BIRD WALKS

Various parks 7:30am, Thu, Jul 7, 28
8:10am, Sun, Jul 31

July 7: Meet at Inspiration Point in Tilden for a look at EBMUD birds on their Inspiration Trail. **July 28:** Meet at Padre picnic site off South Park Drive in Tilden for woodland birds. **July 31:** Meet at Tilden Nature Area. Note the special time (8 a.m.) for a special bird walk, my 500th! Learn the meaning of "cold collection."

SCIENCE FOR TYKES ☕

Sunol 8:10am, Thu, Aug 4
10am-noon, Tue, Aug 16
8-10pm, Sat, Aug 20

Budding scientists ages 4-8 years and their families are invited on a series of science programs set in a wildly exciting outdoor laboratory with a naturalist as their guide. **Aug. 4:** Stargaze: Tonight, we'll turn our eyes to the skies as we become naked-eye astronomers! Dress in layers (it can get quite windy), bring a warm beverage in a thermos, a blanket to lay on and a flashlight. We'll listen to star stories from around the world as we learn to navigate in the summer night sky. We may even be treated to some early meteors from the annual Perseid Meteor shower. **Aug. 16:** Del Valle Boat Float: Today we'll turn our eyes to all things aquatic and nearby as we board a boat and set out for distant shores of Lake Del Valle. We'll discover where the water comes from, where it goes and how the lake is like a big bathtub as we journey out to the dam and back. All children under 13 and all non-swimming adults will be required to wear a provided flotation device. Dress in layers, it can get very cold and windy, even on a warm day and bring a pair of binoculars for bird and animal watching. **Aug. 20:** Alameda Creek Slog: Today we'll turn our eyes to all things aquatic as we follow the path of a raindrop down the Alameda Creek watershed. We'll enter the creek and stay in the creekbed despite all obstacles until we return to our starting point. Wear closed-toed shoes and clothes that can get totally soaked. Bring a change of clothes and shoes to keep in the car.

Reg. Required: (925) 862-2601
Fee: \$6 (non-res. \$8)

TRAILS CHALLENGE HIKE—HUCKLEBERRY
Huckleberry Bethany Facendini
8am-noon, Sun, Aug 7
From endemic plant species and golden eagles to volcanoes and vistas this hike is full of natural wonders! Join us for an invigorating 6.5 miles of awe inspiring sights from Huckleberry Regional Preserve to Sibley Volcanic Preserve. This trail includes some uphill and downhill terrain. 8+ yrs
Reg. Required: (510) 521-6887

SENIORS SHORELINE HIKE ☕

ML King Jr. Shoreline Jessica Sheppard
3:30-5:30pm, Sun, Aug 7 #10111
A relaxing way to spend the afternoon, this beautiful park has wonderful birdlife. We'll walk along a paved 2+ mile trail. Bring hats for the sun, a jacket in case it gets breezy, and binoculars if you want to see the birds.
Reg. Required: (510) 636-1684



= Disabled accessible program

Alan Kaplan
7-9:30am, Thu, Jul 7, 28

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Cat Taylor
8-10am, Thu, Aug 4
10am-noon, Tue, Aug 16
8-10pm, Sat, Aug 20

TUESDAY TWILIGHT: SCENIC HISTORY

Carquinez Strait Sabrina Dussau
6:30-8:30pm, Tue, Aug 9

From ravine to ridge top we'll explore the historic significance of this dramatic landscape. Astounding views and tales of yesteryear should provide modern day enjoyment in a place with a not-too-distant past. Meet at the Nejedly Staging Area on Carquinez Scenic Drive in Martinez
Reg. Required: (925) 757-2620

STAR PARTY!

Anthony Chabot Naturalist Nancy
8-11pm, Sun, Aug 13

Escape bright city lights and enjoy the moon, summer constellations, and other "out of this world" views through the East Bay Astronomical Society members' telescopes. Dress warmly, bring a flashlight, binoculars (we have a few to loan), and a blanket or chair to sit on. We will have fun activities for families to enjoy as the sky darkens. Anthony Chabot campers: the "campfire" program is here tonight (minus the campfire). Meet at Bort Meadow. Dress warmly and bring marshmallows for roasting. Non campers welcome
Info: (510) 521-6887

SIX SUMMER SUNDAY STROLLS

Various Parks Mike Moran
9:11am, Sun, Jul 3, 24, 31

Come out in the cool of the morning and discover the wonders awaiting at 6 park gems. Each one has its own magnificent tale to tell, from natural wonders to local lore, wetlands to peaks and prairies. Varying difficulty. **July 3:** Diablo Foothills. **July 24:** Morgan Territory. **July 31:** Big Break Aug. 7: Round Valley. **Aug. 14:** Martinez Shoreline. **Aug. 21:** Black Diamond
Reg. Required: (925) 757-2620

ARROWHEAD-MAKING

WORKSHOP ☕ & ⚡
Garin Beverly Ortiz, Ken Peak
10am-4pm, Sun, Aug 14 #9882

Join us for this rare opportunity to learn how to transform obsidian into Ohone-style arrow points. We'll discuss the attributes that have enabled this stone to remain in use for thousands of years, first for hunting implements, now for surgical scalpel blades. 16+ yrs
Reg. Required: (510) 636-1684
Fee: \$25 adult/\$22 62+ yrs
(non-res. \$29/26)

ANTHONY CHABOT

TRAILS CHALLENGE HIKE Anthony Chabot Bethany Facendini
10am-2pm, Sun, Aug 14

From slithering snakes to high-soaring hawks we will search high and low for animal tracks and treasures on this adventure. Travel a moderate to strenuous 8 miles through meadows, chaparral, and riparian communities abundant with wildlife. Bring water, lunch, and sturdy hiking shoes. Meet at the Bort Meadow Staging Area 10+ yrs
Reg. Required: (925) 521-6887
Fee: \$6 (non-res. \$8)

**TUESDAY TWILIGHT:
THE DELTA AT DUSK** ☕

Big Break Mike Moran
6:30-8pm, Tue, Aug 16

Seek the cool, evening Delta breeze and the magic of the Big Break wetlands. Revel in the rich flora and fauna (including a check on our trailside beaver lodges!) on this two mile stroll along a flat, paved trail.
Reg. Required: (925) 757-2620

MORNING ON THE TRAPS

Las Trampas Gal Broesder
8:30-11:30am, Sat, Aug 20

Come check the historic trap line as we go up the hill in the cool of the morning. Then we'll enjoy a snack with breathtaking views of the Bay Area before heading down again on this somewhat strenuous walk. Meet at end of Bollinger Canyon Road in Danville. 7+ yrs
Info: (510) 521-6887

BROOKS ISLAND VOYAGE ☕

Brooks Island Dave Zuckermann
9:30am-1:30pm, Sat, Aug 20 #10112

Paddle the rising tide across the Richmond Harbor Channel to Brooks Island. Explore the island's natural and cultural history, and enjoy views from its rocky peak. For experienced boaters who can provide their own canoe or kayak, and safety gear. 14+ yrs
Reg. Required: (510) 636-1684
Fee: \$20 (non-res. \$22)

TRAILS CHALLENGE HIKE:**POINT PINOLE**

Point Pinole Dave Zuckermann
10am-1pm, Sun, Aug 21

Join the Regional Parks 2005 Trails Challenge program and discover the park preserved by dynamite! We'll explore Pt. Pinole's explosive and peaceful past on this flat, easy-paced walk.

TUESDAY TWILIGHT: HISTORY HIKE

Mission Peak Erica Herron
7:30pm, Tue, Aug 23 #10031

The hills are alive with the echoes of history! Learn its secrets as we hike 2-3 miles exploring the lower Aqua Caliente Creek looking for bedrock mortars, rock walls, stone buildings and other remnants left behind by people who once lived along its slopes. Meet at the Stanford Ave. Staging Area
Info: (925) 862-2601

NAMES ON THE LAND:

GEORGE R. STEWART HIKE Tilden Alan Kaplan
10am-noon, Sat, Aug 27

We'll remember Professor Stewart and his books on American place-names as we walk up to a high point to learn the origin of local names: Orinda, Treasure Island, the Golden Gate and others. Meet in the overflow parking lot off of Lomas Cantadas and Grizzly Peak Blvd

SIZING UP SNAKES ☕

Chabot Naturalist Nancy 4:5-8pm, Sat, Aug 27

Meet a live Gopher snake, examine snake skeletons and skin, and enjoy games, songs, and a craft during this exploration of vipers and constrictors. Learn about the endangered Alameda Whipsnake which inhabits this area.
Info: (510) 521-6887

TUESDAY TWILIGHT:

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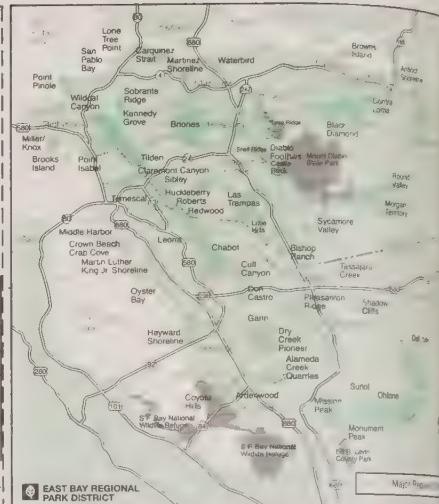
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The 2006 Lexus RX 400h is loaded with hybrid technology

BY DAN LYONS
ON THE ROAD/MOTOR MATTERS
About five years ago, Lexus got into the sport utility market with the RX 300 and made quite a splash. The RX 300 quickly became a benchmark of the luxury, car SUV segment.

Last year, Lexus raised the bar by becoming sales leader with the RX 330. This year's follow-up is one step further. Introduced as the early 2006 model, the RX 400h is the new, premium offering in the RX lineup: same luxury, more technology.

Using the high-tech charge is a hybrid system. The RX 400h is powered by a Hybrid Synergy Drive system. A 3.3-liter V6 gas engine is combined with a high-torque electric drive motor to produce 268 horsepower. The RX 400h is a full hybrid — function in either electric-only, or a combination of the two power modes.

The latest Lexus gets the newest version of the company's stability control system. The Vehicle Dynamic Integrated Management system monitors a variety of sensors and responds not only reactively, but proactively as well. VDIM actually anticipates the onset of a vehicle skid or slide, then helps stabilize the situation with a combination of brake and throttle controls. VDIM joins a battery of other onboard safety electronics — vehicle stability control, traction control, anti-lock brakes with electronic brake-force distribution and brake assist — to keep the vehicle on the straight and narrow, regardless of road conditions.

Those road conditions aren't expected to include heavy rock climbing, given the RX's upscale

styling.

Estimates the RX 400h's mileage at 27 highway. Hybrid vehicles tend not to get the fuel economy numbers in the real world that

GET OFF THE ROAD

they achieve in the EPA labs. My combined driving result of 23 mpg is probably a good barometer of what to expect.

The Toyota-Lexus hybrid system has been around for a few years now, but those who are fearful of new technology can take heart in the warranty. In addition to the standard, 48-month/50,000-mile limited warranty, hybrid-related components are covered for 8 years/100,000 miles.

The RX 400h cruises effortlessly at highway speeds, with plenty of power to pass. The torque-heavy nature of the electric motors helps provide fine, off-the-line pull. The RX is all-wheel drive and the system is automatic, channeling power to front and back wheels, according to driving conditions.

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clientele, but light off-roading and towing is comfortably within its limits. The RX 400h is rated to pull up to 3,500 pounds.

Inside, driver and passengers are

awash in luxury. A 7-inch LCD screen mounted high and center in the dashboard does triple duty. It provides readouts for climate controls and fuel consumption, and acts as the mapping screen for the standard, DVD navigation system. It's also the eyes when backing up. When in reverse, a rear bumper-mounted camera projects on to the screen what is behind the vehicle.

Subtle styling cues distinguish the cabin of the hybrid RX from its line mate. Brushed aluminum trim replaces wood, the steering wheel houses redundant controls for the audio system and past the tiller is a power meter in place of the standard tachometer.

The RX seats four to five; there is no third-row seat option, but rows one and two will hold adults without complaint. Cargo capacity in the back is 38 cubic feet, expandable to as much as 84 cubic feet. The rear lift gate opens manually or auto-



MOTOR MATTERS
THE RX 400H is smooth and classy and gives luxury SUV buyers an eco-friendly choice.

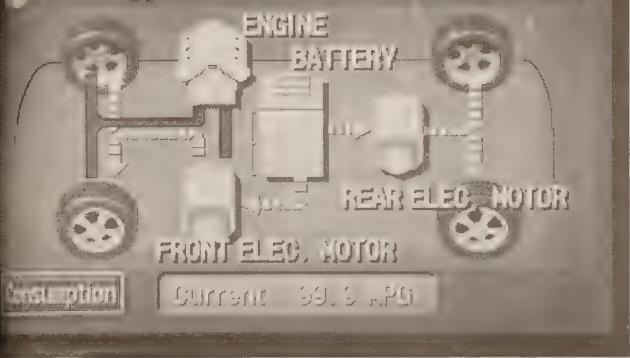
matically, and a retractable tonneau cover shields the contents from inquiring eyes.

Options are few on the 400h. Among the notables, a premium sound system with six-disc, in-dash CD changer and 11 speakers adds \$980 to the \$49,185 sticker price. A rear-seat DVD entertainment system

is also available for \$1,840.

Lexus' latest generation RX 330 is still among the leading, car-based sport utilities. Now, it's joined by a premium model with cutting edge hybrid technology. Smooth and classy, the RX 400h gives luxury SUV buyers something they haven't had before — an eco-friendly choice.

Energy Monitor



2006 LEXUS RX 400H energy monitor.

MOTOR MATTERS



2006 LEXUS RX 400H hybrid engine.

MOTOR MATTERS

SPARE PARTS

Kia Rio
The all-new 2006 Kia Rio sedan has distinctive styling with a sleeker profile, a wider track and more horsepower than its predecessor for better handling, a smoother ride and improved performance. The new Rio also includes standard airbags, including full-side-curtain airbags. Design elements provide a more modern appearance. Rio's new 1.6-liter four-cylinder engine produces 110 horse-

power and 107 pounds-foot of torque.

Crash or miss

A team from the Virginia Tech Transportation Institute and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration studied 100 drivers for a year, concluding that the use of cell phones precipitated many crashes and near-misses. Devices like headsets or voice-activated dialing led to longer dialing times than for those using hand-held phones. Jeff Greenberg, director of Ford Motor Co.'s

driving simulator, also commented, "The preponderance of evidence suggests that long conversations while driving impair your ability to react to events."

Ford recall

Ford Motor Co. is recalling nearly 260,000 vehicles to fix safety defects that include sudden stalling of diesel engines. Affected are the 2004-2005 F-Series Super Duty pickups, as well as the 2004-2005 Excursion full-size sport utility vehicle and E350 and E450 vans. (Source: NADA)



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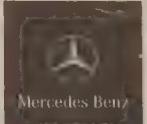
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2218 Mosely Av - \$932,000
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3506 Savana Ln - \$565,000
2101 Shoreline 477 - \$485,000
950 Shorepoint 118 - \$475,000
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540 Taylor Av - \$527,500
1734 Union St - \$485,000
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ALBANY

711 Buchanan St - \$510,000
826 Evelyn Av - \$760,000
545 Pierce St 1101 - \$461,000
843 San Carlos Av - \$861,500

BERKELEY

1519 6th St - \$985,000
2320 7th St - \$775,000
2440 Acton St - \$651,000
933 Addison St D - \$333,000
2316 Blake St D - \$15,000
1605 Channing Wy - \$633,500
1106 Crockett Av - \$725,000
1148 Grizzly Peak - \$1,590,000
1380 Henry St - \$692,000
1072 Keeler Av - \$833,000
1488 Keoncrest Dr - \$770,000
2409 McKinley Av - \$925,000
1410 Milvia St - \$720,000
1811 Milvia St - \$750,000
2178 Oregon St - \$765,000
2 Panoramic 206 - \$436,000
1209 Parker St - \$685,000
1317 Parker St - \$424,500
946 San Benito Rd - \$975,000
1276 University Av - \$400,000
2313 Valley St - \$1,208,000
2816 Wallace St - \$359,000

EL CERRITO

646 Albermarle St - \$560,000
2332 Carquinez Av - \$630,000
1400 Elm St - \$610,000
1505 Everett St - \$575,000
5421 Hillside Av - \$689,000
5636 Jordan Av - \$705,000
1723 Julian Ct - \$761,000
914 Lexington Av - \$242,500
1601 Liberty St - \$459,000
7115 Manila Av - \$635,000
716 Norwell St - \$615,000
7231 Plank Av - \$450,000
3347 Yosemite St - \$600,000

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660 Donna Mae Ct - \$460,000
5874 Hunters Ln - \$1,050,000
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1801 74th Av - \$420,000
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1531 7th Av - \$575,000
1713 81st Av - \$200,000
2019 89th Av - \$711,000
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1322 90th Av - \$435,000
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1636 94th Av - \$670,000
1226 97th Av - \$375,000
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908 Aileen St - \$550,000
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696 Athol Av - \$370,000
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565 Bellevue 1101 - \$340,000
5866 Birch Ct - \$1,049,000
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1708 137th Av - \$500,000
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955 Arbor Dr - \$805,000
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931 Kenyon Av - \$560,000
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119 Preda St - \$493,000
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2174 San Remo Ct - \$830,000
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16025 Via Nueva - \$650,000
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By the numbers**ALAMEDA**

TOTAL SALES: 24
LOWEST PRICE: \$273,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,080,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$635,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$663,875

ALBANY

TOTAL SALES: 4
LOWEST PRICE: \$461,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$861,500
MEDIAN PRICE: \$760,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$648,125

BERKELEY

TOTAL SALES: 22
LOWEST PRICE: \$333,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,590,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$725,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$734,091

EL CERRITO

TOTAL SALES: 13
LOWEST PRICE: \$242,500
HIGHEST PRICE: \$761,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$610,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$571,654

EL SOBRANTE

TOTAL SALES: 7
LOWEST PRICE: \$270,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,208,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$560,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$560,000

EMERYVILLE

TOTAL SALES: 8
LOWEST PRICE: \$263,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$808,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$375,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$560,000

FIDMONT

TOTAL SALES: 1
PRICE: \$425,000

RICHMOND

TOTAL SALES: 61
LOWEST PRICE: \$185,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$829,500
MEDIAN PRICE: \$450,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$483,295

MEDIAN PRICE: \$560,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$514,625

KENSINGTON

TOTAL SALES: 1
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AVERAGE PRICE: \$483,295

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Chrysler 300C:

Base price: \$32,370; Engine: 5.7-liter, 340 horsepower, Hemi V8; Fuel economy: 17 m.p.g. city/25 highway. The RWD replacement for the FWD 300M, with one other new twist, a potent Hemi. And another twist comes this fall when AWD is added as an option. Hemi comes with multiple displacement system, which shuts off 4 cylinders when not needed to improve mileage.

This RWD sedan comes with stability control and all-speed traction control to eliminate the slip and slide tendency of RWD cars in the snow. Ride and handling benefit from 18-inch touring radials. Excellent cabin room.

Ford Five Hundred SEL AWD

Base price: \$24,145; Engine: 3-liter, 203 horsepower, V6; Fuel economy: 19 m.p.g. city/26 highway. Significant upgrade and the luxury automaker's first AWD car. AWD system not only distributes torque between front/rear wheels, also between wheels side to side for maximum stability and outstanding handling agility. More potent V6.

Good features: Headlamps turn up to 10 degrees in direction of turn; twist knob access ignition key; and navigation system points real-time accidents or detours ahead as well as the speed traffic is along nearby roads so you can

Buick Lacrosse CXS

Base price: \$28,335; Engine: 3.6-liter, 240 horsepower, V6; Fuel economy: 19 m.p.g. city/27 highway. First new Buick since 2000 replaces Regal/Century. It's taken on fit, finish and quiet for the exception of the same quality as rival Japanese sedans. All fasteners are held with caps, vinyl trim looks and feel like leather and sound deadeners are throughout.

New V6 provides ample power yet very good mileage. Suspension upgrades do smooth ride and precise handling. Traction control standard, stability control optional. Five- or six-passenger seating.

Buick STS

Base price: \$40,300 with V-6; \$46,800 with V-8; Engine: 4.6-liter, 320 horsepower, 3.8-liter, 265 horsepower, V6; Fuel economy: 17 m.p.g. city/24 highway with 1/2/26 with V8; 16/22 with V6 and V8. New RWD replacement for Seville aimed at the BMW 5- and 7-Series. Five inches shorter than Seville, but 6 inches longer than CTS with which it shares platform. AWD an option, but only on V8 for V6. AWD and V8 carries a \$1,000 gas-guzzler tax.

Stability control with traction control standard in all cars. AWD with optional Ride Control offers optimum handling. Neat feature: remote start that only starts the car while you sit in the sun; it also activates heated or cooled glass front- and rear-window de-

icing speed. Limo-like room in back, if you straddle the drive-train hump. Nice touch: Leaper hood ornament, but keep a guard on it. Just be advised that once you've driven one, you lose some of that mystique that made it so appealing.

Mercedes-Benz E320 CDI

Base price: \$49,075; Engine: 3.2-liter, 201 horsepower, turbocharged, diesel inline 6-cylinder; Fuel economy: 27 m.p.g. city/37 highway. Mercedes has brought a diesel back, the first since 1999. But this one has little or no odor or ping and combustion.

Rather than chug along in traffic, this turbocharged model has the zip of a sports sedan and accelerates quicker than the gasoline version. And the mileage rating is as good, if not better than some economy cars. Federal mandate for cleaner burning diesel fuel in '06 should create even more interest in the future.

Pontiac GTO

Base price: \$32,295; Engine: 6-liter, 400 horsepower, V8; Fuel economy: 17 m.p.g. city/25 m.p.g. highway. The '04 generally disappointed enthusiasts based on bland styling, but the '05 comes with hood scoops, decklid spoiler and chrome tipped exhausts, plus an even more potent 6-liter, 400 horsepower, V8. One gripe: Rear flanks still a tad bulgy. Spirited performance and above average handling, but the 6-speed manual takes more muscle than finesse. With automatic there's a \$1,300 gas-guzzler tax.

Awaiting new platform, perhaps Cadillac's rear-drive/all-wheel-drive Sigma, and U.S. production to deliver on optimum looks and performance in the future. Question is when.

Volkswagen Jetta

Base price: \$20,390; Engine: 2.5-liter, 150 horsepower, 5-cylinder; Fuel economy: 22 m.p.g. city/30 m.p.g. highway. Celebrating its 25th anniversary in the U.S. with the next generation featuring new sheetmetal and larger dimensions. New 5-cylinder base engine and 6-speed automatic.

Shocks, spring rates and stabilizer bars front and rear designed to reduce body roll in tight corners and improve stability. Four-wheel ABS, electronic stability control and all-speed traction control standard, along with side-curtain air bags. Lots of technology, but light on whiz-bang novel features.

2006**BMW 325i**

Base price: \$30,300; Engine: 3-liter, 215-horsepower, 6-cylinder; Fuel economy: 21 m.p.g. city/29 m.p.g. highway. Lots of little goodies you don't see, but appreciate, such as a dynamic stability control system with brake drying to keep

water off the binders, and brakes that detect a panic stop and move the pads closer to the discs to reduce stopping time.

Lots of upgrades, such as styling remake, larger dimensions, more spirited 6-cylinder, 6-speed automatic, push-button start/stop, run-flat radials, front/rear side-curtain air bags and climate-controlled center console. Options include active cruise control to keep you from getting too close to vehicle ahead.

Lexus GS300 AWD

Base price: \$44,850; Engine: 3-liter, 245 horsepower, 24-valve V6; Fuel economy: 21 m.p.g. city/27 highway. All new with coupe styling on a sedan filled with techno gadgets. Little larger and less snug.

New V6 is more lively than old inline 6. AWD offered for first time but only on V-6. Stability control that gets you back in control if you start to slip is standard in V6, but upgraded to a system that keeps you in control if sensing a slip on V8.

Goodies: push-button start, ventilated cooling seats, headlights that move in direction of turn, power sunshade, rearview camera and collision-sensing system. All are options that quickly run up the sticker price.

Toyota Avalon XLS

Base price: \$30,800; Engine: 3.5-liter,

280 horsepower, 24-valve V6; Fuel economy: 22 m.p.g. city/31 highway. Much larger than the car it replaces with more cabin room, better styling, a V6 that leaps from the light and a suspension tuned for better ride and more agile handling. Back-seat legroom is limo-like, and seat backs recline.

Performance-oriented Touring edition added along with more luxurious Limited edition. Stability control, Dynamic Laser cruise control (keeps you at a safe distance from vehicles ahead) and remote start are new options.

According to the California Highway Patrol any child who weighs less than 60 pounds, and/or is less than 6 years old, must be placed in a child safety seat in the rear of the vehicle, except for two-seater cars.

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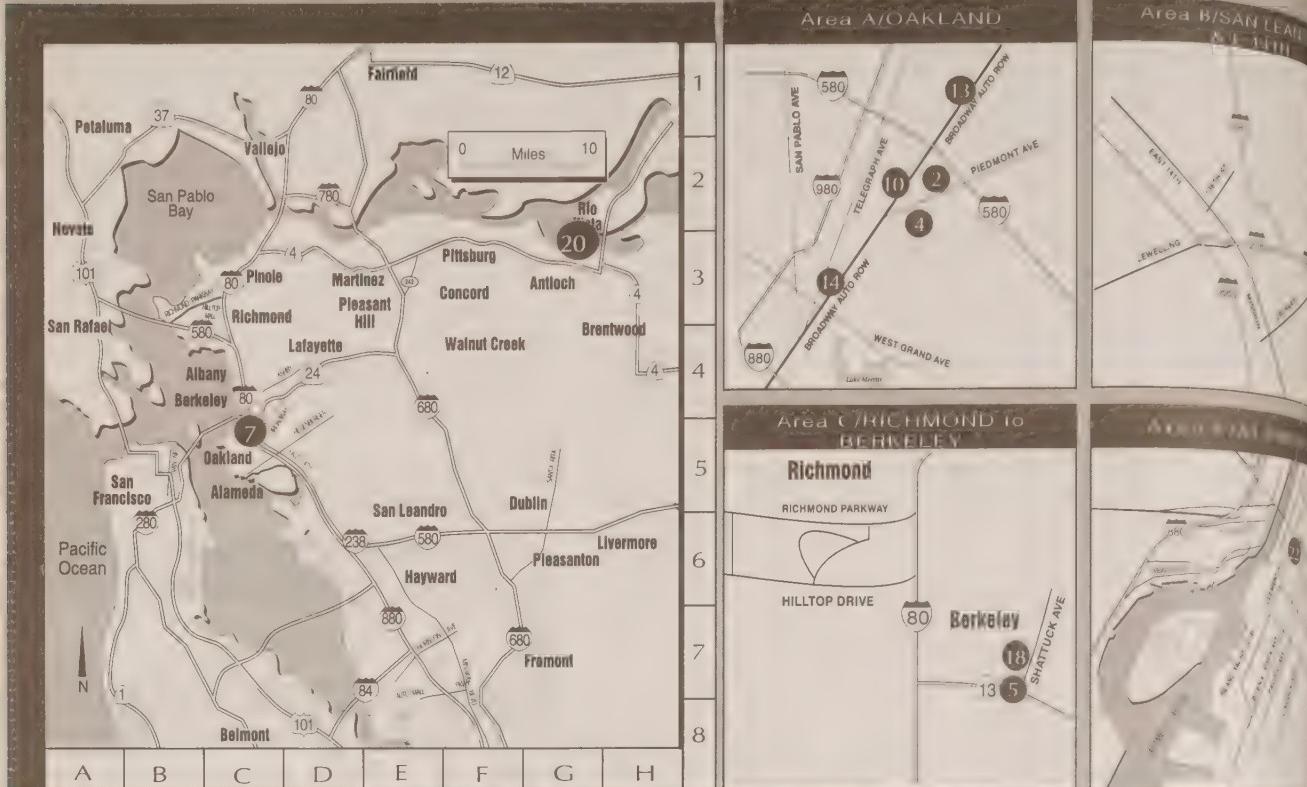
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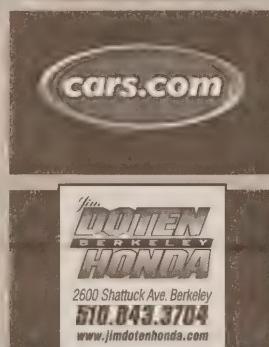
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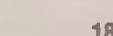
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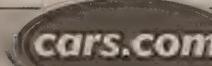


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A classic's look, but a hot rod's heart

BY JERRY GARRETT
NEW YORK TIMES NEWS SERVICE

dustry, and we've really gotten behind it."

Though some refer to these plainclothes classics as resto-rods, Davis maintains the term is more correctly resto-mods.

"The word 'rods' carries with it a suggestion it's from the 1930s," he explained in a recent telephone interview. "Resto-mods is a term that more accurately reflects taking a car of a certain vintage, restoring and modifying it in the process."

Typically, the starting point for a resto-mod builder has been a 1950s American car, gutted like a trout and stuffed with up-to-date internals. Now the genre has grown to encompass a wider range of vehicles, even as recent as the muscle cars of the 1960s and 1970s.

"Nothing is immune, except a few special cars with inherent historical value," Davis said. "Everything else is fair game."

Jay Leno helped to popularize the trend and bring attention to resto-mods when he unveiled his immaculately reinvigorated 1955 Buick Roadmaster. In addition to a bolt-by-bolt restoration, Leno, with

the help of Bernard Juchli, his mechanic, had installed a 620-horsepower V-8 sold by GM — and delivered to buyers fully assembled and packed in a crate — for hot-rod project cars. The finished car was, understandably, a good deal faster than it had been in stock configuration, with 236 horsepower, yet it still looked very much like a showroom condition Roadmaster.

So what about my '57 Ranchero, which has a 292-cubic inch V-8 and a three-speed transmission with a column shift? Am I sitting on top of a gold mine?

"You happened to hit upon one of my favorite all-time cars," Davis said. "I just sold one of those, all-original with a rare car — for something in the high six figures. I wouldn't want to do a resto-mod on that car. But on yours, why not? You'd have a car you could drive every day, a car that was still one of the most beautiful classic styles of the '50s."

The finished product would have power steering, disc brakes, air-conditioning, a modern suspension, a five-speed automatic transmission

and a low-emissions fuel-injected kit engine, all for about \$10,000 — less than a meticulous restoration might cost. And almost everything my prospective resto-mod would need is available directly from the automakers' performance parts catalogs.

"This is becoming a big, big business for the Big Three," Davis said. Ford, General Motors and Daimler-Chrysler each offer a huge array of performance parts.

My restored and modified Ranchero would be safer and easier to drive, much more utilitarian and no longer branded a "gross polluter." So far, this seems like a win-win.

"It is," Davis said. "Not only that, the car that you would end up with would actually be worth more money than it was in its stock configuration."

More money? Now you have my attention.

"Let me give you an example," Davis said, citing the 1970 Plymouth Hemi 'Cuda. That car is so valuable no respectable collector would dare deface it, right?

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"Well, yes, in that case," he said. "But remember, very few Barracudas that year came from the factory with Hemi. So what do you do if you have one that originally had a 6-cylinder motor or a smaller V8 in it?"

Until resto-mods came along, cars like that, which had the outward profile of a true classic but the innards of a rental car, became parts cars or were sent to the crusher. The resto-mod movement grants them a pardon. These muscle car replicas, known as clones, have a growing following.

A resto-mod that has been built using a prized classic as its starting point — even though extensive modifications like the installation of a huge V-8 and a modern suspension has removed it from the wish-lists of traditional collectors — draws plenty

of attention from auction bidders: A 1936 Packard Super Eight roadster brought \$194,000 in 2004, and this year a nearly original-looking '55 Chevy sold for \$221,000.

Why has Barrett-Jackson so enthusiastically embraced the resto-mod phenomenon? Simply put, it provides inventory for their auctions.

And of course the almost-anything-goes attitude of the resto-mod is a natural fit with the recent wave of television shows like "Pimp My Ride," "Overhaulin'," "American Hot Rod" and "Monster Garage."

"This is a strong business that is only going to grow," Davis predicted. "It evokes good memories of the way America used to be."

"Get in one of these things, and you are back at the malt shop or on the way to the drive-in movie with your buddies hiding in the trunk."

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- Shop vacuum (or other portable vacuum) with hose and attachment nozzles.
- Carpet shampoo and/or upholstery shampoo or spot cleaner
- General household cleaner.
- Leather conditioner (if you have leather seats and trim).
- Vinyl conditioner.
- Rubbing alcohol.
- Terry cloth towels. These are preferred over paper towels because their fibers get down into crevices.
- Soft cotton lint-free cloths (such as an old bandanna or a diaper).
- Paper towels.
- Glass cleaner.
- Cotton swabs.
- Stiff-bristle hand brush.
- New soft bristle paint or pastry brush.

Additional resources: www.consumersreports.org, www.diy.net

Treat that car body to a day of affection

BY DOUG WORGUL
KNIGHT RIDDER NEWSPAPERS

the resale value of your car.

Alan Paegelow, owner of A&A Royal Auto Trim in Kansas City, Mo., is a detailing specialist. He says a dirty, cluttered car interior tends to stay dirty and cluttered, but a clean interior tends to stay clean.

"Once you've spent the time cleaning it, you're extra motivated to keep it clean," he says.

Paegelow says that a cool, windy day is the optimum weather for detailing your car. "The breeze helps dry the shampooed carpet and upholstery. And the glass will dry without streaking."

Here's the step-by-step process Paegelow recommends

1. Clean the car of all clutter and litter. Check under the seats and

floor mats for valuable items that may have been dropped. Paegelow says a powerful vacuum can suck up a ring, necklace or bracelet, let alone dollar bills and change.

2. Using the soft-bristle paint or pastry brush, brush out crumbs, dirt, dust and other debris from cracks and crevices, especially around the console, emergency-brake handle, ashtray and cup holders. For stubborn dirt in crevices, use cotton swabs and rubbing alcohol. This step is the most tedious and most frequently overlooked, but perhaps more than any other part of the process will give your car that "as good as new" look.

3. Vacuum next, starting with seats. Use a narrow, flat attachment to get down in between the back of the seat and the bottom seat cushions and into door pockets and in the consoles.

4. Remove the floor mats and vacuum those outside of the car, on your driveway or garage floor.

5. Vacuum the floors, including under the seats. Don't forget to vacuum the trunk and cargo areas.

6. Using a terry cloth hand towel and a dilution of household cleaner, wipe down the vinyl parts of the interior, including the dash, console, etc. Paegelow says that vinyl conditioner can build up over time and will actually attract and accumulate dust and dirt.

7. With the lint-free cotton cloth, apply vinyl conditioner to vinyl parts: dash, console, seatbacks, etc. Paegelow says that vinyl conditioner can build up over time and will actually attract and accumulate dust and dirt.

These products can get cloudy

and filmy over time," he says. "To avoid this, they should be removed before reapplication. A weak rubbing alcohol solution will do the trick."

8. Using glass cleaner and paper towels (or microfiber cloth), wipe down glass, including mirrors and exterior glass. This step may need to be repeated to avoid smearing and streaking. If your windows are tinted, do not use ammonia-based cleaners, as these may damage the tinting film. Clean tinted glass with distilled water.

9. Using spot cleaner or shampoo, remove stains and ground-in dirt from mats and floors. Use the stiff-bristle brush if necessary on difficult spots.

10. Treat leather using lint-free cotton cloth and leather conditioner.

11. Allow floors, mats and seats to fully dry before returning mats to the car and before driving the car.

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Hidden ways to cut car insurance rates

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Consumers are countering rising insurance prices and other vehicle-operating costs by capitalizing lower auto insurance rates, according to leading insurers.

Auto policy costs and regulations vary significantly from state to state, but there are a number of areas that consumers are able to consider to optimize prices and adjust to optimize prices and quality. Answer Financial (www.answerfinancial.com) has 10 tips for keeping your rates down:

■ **Credit check rating.** In all states except California and Georgia, an individual's credit rating is a key factor that affects auto insurance rates. Get copies of your credit report and correct any inaccurate derogatory points.

■ **Check motor vehicle report.** Auto credit reports, state driving records may include inaccurate

data on personal driving records. Report errors to both your state motor vehicle department and your insurance carrier.

■ **Double-check accident reports.** Local law enforcement and insurance accident reports occasionally include mistakes that will result in a higher rate.

■ **Never let coverage lapse and review deductibles.** Maintaining coverage without a lapse makes a significant difference in rates. Additionally, drivers almost always save on premiums with higher deductibles of \$500 or \$1,000.

■ **Look for package rates.** In addition to multiple-vehicle discounts, consumers often save substantially by packaging all their insurance policies together with one company.

■ **Don't miss good-student**

and mature-driver discounts. Most insurers lower rates for mature drivers (55 years and over) and for students who carry a 3.0 grade point average or better.

■ **Take a driving safety course.** Many insurers will cut rates for drivers who take an approved driving safety course.

■ **Don't forget car pool credit.** Many auto carriers drop premiums if you carpool to the office, especially if you drive more than 10 miles round-trip.

■ **Check rates before buying a new car.** Insurance rates vary considerably from car to car.

■ **Take credit for safety/security features.** Drivers should make sure they are receiving lower rates for safety features such as air bags and antilock brakes.

For more information, go to www.answerfinancial.com.

How to jump-start a car battery

KNIGHT RIDDER NEWSPAPERS

Set up a jump start

■ Park a vehicle with a healthy battery next to a car with a dead battery. Make sure the cars do not come in contact with one another.

■ Both batteries should have the same voltage.

■ Briefly review the owners' manuals for each vehicle for any special instructions.

■ Shut off the cars and apply the parking brakes. Automatic transmissions should be in "Park," standard transmissions set in neutral.

■ If possible, wear safety glasses and gloves during the procedure.

Cable placement

■ Clamp one end of the positive booster cable to the positive post of the dead battery.

■ Clamp the other end of the same cable to the same marked post

on the live battery.

■ Clamp the second, negative booster cable to the other post of the live battery.

■ Place the final negative booster cable connection on the engine block of the stalled vehicle away from the battery.

Jump start

■ Start the vehicle with the live battery first, and let it run for a few minutes. Then, start the disabled vehicle.

■ Once both vehicles are running, remove the cables in the reverse order of connection. Do not allow the booster cable clamps touch each other or come in contact with car parts. Avoid the engine fans of the engines. An electric fan may run without the engine being on.

Source: National Safety Council. Edited, compiled by Chuck Myers.

any chance you won't be able to make your home-equity payments.

"It's not worth risking your house," Reed said.

Shop around

Do your homework when buying a car. Some models hold their value better than others. For example, Edmunds researchers say a Honda typically holds its value better than a Mitsubishi. Also, some consumers say they're under water because a dealer offered them a lot less for their trade-in than what it was worth. If negotiating with the dealer for a higher offer fails, take your business elsewhere and try again. You're not obligated to take offers that you don't think reflect the value of your trade-in. You can always sell the vehicle yourself.

By the numbers

■ 10,824 Number of sales with trade-ins 34 percent Percentage of trade-ins that are upside down.

■ \$4,527 Average negative equity in those trade-ins 2005 figures for California through end of May.

Source: Edmunds.com.

What consumers do

■ 55 percent pay off car loan before making new purchase.

■ 26 percent think trading in a car with negative equity is part of the regular car-buying process.

■ 19 percent have rolled negative equity into a new car loan but say they won't do it again.

Source: Edmunds.com.

What to do when your car loan drags you under

BY DIANA MCCABE
THE ORANGE COUNTY REGISTER

at the dealership and feel you must have that new BMW 525i sedan right now.

But you don't have to put yourself under water. Here are some tips to keep you right-side up in your vehicle.

Figure out what you have

Many consumers have no clue about their financial position — until they go to trade in their car. But it's easy to figure out if you're under water, and — in car-speak — have "negative equity" in your trade-in. Get the current value of the car (from online sources such as Kelley Blue Book or Edmunds.com) and compare it with what you owe on your loan. This gives you a rough estimate of your position. If you owe \$10,000 on the car and the trade-in value is \$12,000, you're OK. If it's the reverse, you're upside down.

Don't roll one debt into another

This is what happened to LeNarz. She rolled a lease buyout into the purchase of her Camry. That move put her under water in her loan quickly.

"It's a snowball that keeps going if you let it," says Phil Reed, consumer-advice editor at Edmunds.com. He and others advise consumers to pay off the original

debt first — in this case the lease — before taking on another loan.

Make a decent down payment

Low or no down payments may sound good up front, but it's a poor strategy that hurts consumers in the long run. Reed advises buyers to try to put 20 percent down on a car purchase so they are not caught upside down in the first few years. (Kelley Blue Book figures show that 65 percent of car buyers put down less than 20 percent.) The down payment essentially prepays the first year's depreciation, which is very steep.

This puts you in the position of always having equity in the vehicle. Consequently, you have the freedom of trading it in at any time without taking a loss, he says.

Watch the loan period

Make your loan period coincide with the time you think you will be comfortable owning that car. If you intend to buy another car in three years, don't take out a loan longer than that term. Consumers are extending their loan terms from what was once a three- or four-year term to five, six — even seven — years. There's no harm in being upside down in your loan if you decide to keep the car through the end of the loan term. In fact, be-

cause a car depreciates rapidly in the first two years of ownership, many consumers might be under water on their loan at that point, without even knowing it.

The challenge arises when the consumer decides she or he wants to acquire a new vehicle during the loan term — say in the third year of a six-year loan — and discovers that she or he owes more on that car than it is worth, Nerad says.

Don't buy too soon

Simple but true. Pay off what you owe on the vehicle and don't go shopping until you can afford a new car, Reed says. This takes some patience and hard work. Put every cent toward paying off your car loan.

When Heather Mora, 22, of Rancho Santa Margarita, visited a dealership to trade in her Nissan Altima, she realized she was so upside down in her loan that she walked out — with her Altima — and mailed in a hefty \$3,000 toward her car loan. Now she owes \$11,000 and intends to pay it off before getting another vehicle.

"I don't want to put myself in a deeper hole."

Use incentives

Some consumers may be close enough to paying off their car loan before the end of the loan term. In fact, be-

cause the incentives many manufacturers are offering can help. Here's how, according to Reed: You owe \$1,500 on your car loan. The manufacturer is offering a \$3,000 rebate. Use half to settle your old auto loan and the other half as a down payment.

Refinance your current loan

This doesn't mean you can rush out and buy your new car. Refinancing is a strategy to help accelerate your payments and get out of your old car loan.

For example, if you have a five-year loan at 12 percent and are halfway through that period, refinancing is a good option, Reed says. You may qualify for a lower rate. If you're really itching to get out of the loan, double up on the payments.

Tap a home-equity line of credit

This one comes with a giant caveat. An advantage of paying off an auto loan with a home-equity line of credit is that you can write off the interest from the home-equity line on your tax return. And you might get a better interest rate. But don't max out the line of credit — this is the most important part — you should forget this idea entirely if there's

any chance you won't be able to make your home-equity payments.

"It's not worth risking your house," Reed said.

Shop around

Do your homework when buying a car. Some models hold their value better than others. For example, Edmunds researchers say a Honda typically holds its value better than a Mitsubishi. Also, some consumers say they're under water because a dealer offered them a lot less for their trade-in than what it was worth. If negotiating with the dealer for a higher offer fails, take your business elsewhere and try again. You're not obligated to take offers that you don't think reflect the value of your trade-in. You can always sell the vehicle yourself.

By the numbers

■ 55 percent pay off car loan before making new purchase.

■ 26 percent think trading in a car with negative equity is part of the regular car-buying process.

■ 19 percent have rolled negative equity into a new car loan but say they won't do it again.

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1. How do I ensure my children's safety while swimming?

The safest place for children to swim is in a roped-off area with a trained lifeguard present. Not all lakes provide a swimming area. For those without one, follow these tips:

- Make sure the area is clean, well maintained and away from boats.
- Check docks for loose nail or broken boards and keep children from swimming underneath.
- Inflatable toys, while fun, should not be used as a personal flotation device. Always keep a close eye on children.
- Jump in feet first to avoid injury.
- Learn CPR in case of an emergency.
- Bright colored swimsuits keep children visible in natural surroundings.
- outfit children in water shoes to keep them safe from sharp objects.
- Keep plenty of water and sunscreen on shore.

2. How do I stay safe while swimming in the ocean?

The American Red Cross offers these tips:

- Never swim alone.
- Check the surf conditions before you enter the water. Check to see if a warning flag is up or check with a lifeguard for water conditions, beach conditions, or any potential hazards.
- Stay away from piers, pilings and diving platforms when in the water.
- Keep a lookout for aquatic life. Water plants and animals may be dangerous. Avoid patches of plants. Leave animals alone.
- Make sure you always have enough energy to swim back to shore.

3. What should I do if caught in a current while swimming in the ocean?

Don't panic. A rip current will not pull you under the water, only out to sea. Remain calm to conserve energy and swim parallel to shore to escape the current. Once free of the current, swim back to shore.

You can prevent getting caught in a rip current by recognizing what it looks like. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration says to look for any of these conditions:

- A channel of churning, choppy water.
- An area having a noticeable difference in water color.
- A line of foam, seaweed or debris moving steadily seaward.
- A break in the incoming wave pattern.

4. What tags/registration are needed when boating?

According to the U.S. Coast Guard, all undocumented vessels must be registered in the state in which it will be used most. When you register, you'll be given a "certificate of number," which must be displayed on your boat or other personal watercraft. Numbers must be painted or permanently attached to each side of the forward half of the craft in at least 3-inch-high block letters. Validation stickers have to be within six inches of the registration number, according to your state instruction. Your state boating authority has a list of registration requirements; some states require all vessels to be registered.

5. What should be on my pre-departure checklist?

Before leaving the dock, these safety items are needed:

- Personal flotation device for all passengers
- Throwaway flotation device
- Fire extinguisher and flame arrestor
- First-aid kit
- Muffler installed on the engine
- Horn, whistle or bell
- Navigation lights

Boaters should also make sure their boat is operating properly and complete the following:

- Give a float plan to a responsible



A hand-held marine radio helps boaters stay on top of weather and distress calls.

Facts, tips and trivia about water safety, rules and laws

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WATER WAYS

person on shore.

- Check the steering and throttle controls and lights.
- Check for fuel leaks.
- Check personal flotation devices for mildew or broken straps.
- Drain water from the engine and make sure the bilge plug is secure.
- Make sure fire extinguisher is fully charged.

6. What's a float plan?

A float plan is given to someone remaining onshore such as a relative, friend or a local marina employee. In the event of an emergency, float plans allow help to reach you and contain information about where you are going; time of departure and expected time of return; boat description; number, size; make and capacity; the number of passengers; and an emergency contact.

7. When and why should I check the weather conditions?

Weather should be checked before leaving and periodically throughout the day. Boaters should remain aware of cloud formations and rapid changes in weather conditions. Puffy clouds with considerable vertical development indicate unsta-

ble air. Boaters with marine radios can check weather reports from local Coast Guard stations or from the NOAA Weather Radio, found at seven frequencies ranging from 162.400 to 162.550. For station listings, go to <http://weather.gov/nwr/listcov.htm>.

8. What do I do if I get caught in bed weather?

In addition to putting on a personal flotation device, passengers and boaters should:

- Sit low in the bottom of the boat to avoid lightning.
- Secure loose items.
- Keep water out of the bilge.
- Steer the bow at a 40-45 degree angle into the waves and head to the nearest shore.
- Anchor the boat if the engine fails.

9. What do I do if someone falls overboard?

If a passenger falls overboard, boaters should:

- Throw the victim a personal flotation device if he or she isn't wearing one.

■ Reduce speed and turn around slowly.

■ Approach the victim from downwind or into the current — whichever is stronger — stop the engine and pull the victim into the boat.

To prevent people from falling overboard, keep passengers off areas not designated for seating. Don't stand up, move around when the boat is under way or lean off the side, and don't sit on pedestal seats when boat is not idling.

10. What do I do if there is a boating accident?

Always check with your state boating authority. Some states require all boating accidents to be reported immediately. The U.S. Coast Guard requires that a Boating Accident Report (BAR) be filed if a boat is involved in an accident that results in the following:

- Loss of life.
- Personal injury that requires medical treatment beyond first aid.
- Damage to the boat and other property damage of \$2,000 or more.
- Complete loss of the boat.

Timelines for reporting types of accidents vary. Go to www.uscboating.org/safety/fedreqs/law_report.htm for full details.

11. How many boating fatalities occur each year and what are the causes?

In 2003, the most recent year national statistics are available, the U.S. Coast Guard reports there were 703 fatalities. Of the fatalities, 82 percent were not wearing a personal flotation device.

12. What is boater's fatigue?

According to the American Red Cross, people should be aware of the "dangerous tools" — too tired, too cold, too far from shore, too much sun and too much strenuous activity. The combination of these elements wears on the minds and bodies of boaters, increasing the risk of drowning, especially when mixed with alcohol.

13. What is BWI or BUI?

Depending on your state, boating while consuming alcohol is called a BWI, or boating while intoxicated, or

a BUI, boating under the influence. A BWI or BUI can lead to fines and/or an arrest for those operating a boat with a .08 blood-alcohol level (.10 in some states) or higher.

14. Does everyone on the boat need to wear a life jacket?

Everyone under the age of 13 is required to wear a Coast Guard-approved personal flotation device, and poor swimmers should wear one, too. Boaters are required to have a personal flotation device on board for all passengers.

15. How do I know if my child's life jacket fits correctly?

See graphic, below.

16. What are safety tips for water sports?

When towing a skier or tuber, check equipment and ropes for wear and tear, keep an extra person on board to watch, stay parallel to the shore when landing, know proper hand signals, keep watch for underwater obstructions such as floating debris, always wear a personal flotation device when being towed and be mindful of the time (in most states, skiing is prohibited between sunset and sunrise).

17. What is a personal watercraft?

Examples are Jet Skis and water bikes where operators sit, stand or kneel on the vessel rather than inside it.

18. What are the rules and regulations regarding personal watercraft?

Rules vary by state and can be downloaded in a PDF format from the U.S. Coast Guard: www.uscboating.org/regulations/boating_laws.htm

19. How do I safely use my personal watercraft?

Operators should follow these tips for a safe ride:

- Follow the 50-foot rule. All operators must keep their personal watercraft 50 feet away from other vessels, platforms or people unless idling.

- Don't operate one at night. In most states, it is illegal to use one between sunset and sunrise.

- Be courteous, follow traffic patterns and don't jump the wake of another vessel.

- Travel with friends. Traveling with two or three other personal watercraft ensures help if an emergency occurs.



Riders of personal watercraft, such as this Sea-Doo, should take special precautions when in the water.

20. What environmental considerations should I take into account when operating a personal watercraft?

If not used correctly they can cause serious harm to the environment. Before operating yours, take the following into consideration:

- Stay out of shallow water. Running your personal watercraft in shallow water disturbs sediment and aquatic vegetation, which can clog the water pump.

- Don't create unnecessary wake. When too close to shore, creating a wake can cause erosion.

- Only dock in designated areas. Docking on shore or in reeds and grasses damages delicate environments.

- If possible, fuel your personal watercraft on land. This prevents oil and gasoline spills, which are harmful to the environment.

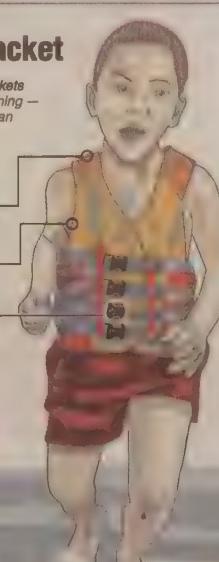
— Written and compiled by Jennifer Hall, Fort Worth Star-Telegram

Choosing a life jacket

Having children wear proper life jackets when boating, rafting, ocean swimming — whatever water activity they do — can save their lives.

Checking for a good fit

- Pick child up by jacket shoulders; if jacket fits right, child's chin, ears will not slip through
- Try jacket on child; fit should be comfortably snug
- Fasten all snaps, zippers, ties
- Test jacket in shallow water to see how it keeps child afloat
- Put jacket on child; fasten all straps, zippers, ties; tuck in loose strap ends
- Take child into shallow water; have him or her get into floating position with head tilted back
- Encourage child to relax his or her body
- Make sure jacket keeps child's chin above water and he or she can breathe easily



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Dance fever: Ballroom is in

BY CASSANDRA SPRATLING
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Sure, people are still shakin' it on the dance floor, but evidence abounds that people — young and old — are getting with the grace of ballrooming.

Note but a few indications:

■ A new reality TV show, "Dancing with the Stars," debuted earlier

this month with much success. It topped the Nielsen Media Research ratings in its second week on the air, with close to 16.1 million people tuning in. The fun and funny show pairs professional dancers with celebrities for a six-week ballroom dancing contest. It airs Wednesdays on ABC.

■ The true story of some New

York City fifth-graders who learned to ballroom dance is captured in the movie "Mad Hot Ballroom," written and produced by former Gross Pointe, Mich., resident Amy Sewell.

■ High school and younger students are trying it and liking it, including students at Mumford and Renaissance high schools and Bates Academy elementary and middle school in Detroit and Willow Run High School in Ypsilanti, Mich.

And nightclubs are discovering that offering ballroom lessons is a great way to attract a crowd, especially during the week, for fun as well as fitness.

"There's a certain grace, technique, discipline and joy of working with a partner that comes with it," says Judith Molina, who directs the Institute of Music and Dance at Marygrove College in Detroit. It's also fun to watch, she says. "When you see couples who just seem to flow together and anticipate each other's moves, it's lovely."

As soulful old-school and new-school ballads filled Cobo Center's Riverview ballroom, several couples took to the dance floor at Detroit's Cass Tech's 2005 senior prom.

Dressed in tuxedos, gowns and other fine attire, the couples twirled with grace, spun into and around their partners with sophisticated style and confidently stepped to the rhythm as they demonstrated what they'd learned in a class many of the seniors voluntarily took for credit this year: ballroom dancing.

They met in the school cafeteria and gym after school, practiced between classes or during free periods and tightened up their smooth moves at home in preparation for the prom on a recent Saturday night.

It's the third year that ballroom dancing was part of the mix at Cass Tech's senior prom.

Math teacher and senior adviser Lawrence Stroughter decided to offer ballroom lessons after attending several proms and being struck by the contrast between the bump-and-grind dancing and the students' elegant attire.

He also heard other adults complain about the way some young people dance. "I figured they'd probably do something different, if they knew something different," he says.

So Stroughter asked Al McClinton of Upscale Dance Productions of Detroit to teach ballroom classes.

As the students graduate, they leave high school with yet another skill they can use for a lifetime, Stroughter says.

At the prom, Stroughter demonstrated a few moves of his own, confident that his mission was accomplished.

Yes, the dance floor was jammed when the disc jockey pumped fast beats. But when the pace mellowed, a lot of couples knew just what to do and did so with the grace and elegance befitting their attire.

Couple No. 1

Joshua Parks and Sandra Uduoma, both 17

Post-graduate plans: He plans to study mathematics at Wesleyan University in Connecticut; she plans to study electrical engineering at the University of Michigan.

Their story: Classroom competition made them best friends.

They noticed each other freshman year in honors algebra class because both were doing exceptional work.

"I saw that she was smart and I like smart people. I seek them out," Joshua says.

They started trying to best each other in class work.

"I like competing against him," Sandra says. "I'd try to get a problem worked out before Josh. It never worked, but it was a way for me to improve myself."

Competition became cooperation and by junior year they were best friends.

And senior year, they decided to take ballroom lessons together.

Sandra's an avid dancer, anyway, so she relished the chance to learn a new style of dancing and easily caught on.

For Josh, it was a bit much, initially.

"I started with the remedial

class," he says. That was a lifetime first for Josh, who's a National Merit Scholar and a Detroit Free Press Academic All-Star.

With the teachers' help and Sandra's guidance, he soon caught on.

On prom night, though each attended with a different date, they stole a few moments on the dance floor with graceful moves that emphasized cooperation over competition.

Couple No. 2

Ricardo Harris, 17, and Tia Richardson, 18

Post-graduate plans: Ricardo plans to study electrical engineering at the University of Detroit Mercy; Tia plans to study marketing at Wayne State University.

Their story: Tia doesn't know much about the man she'll marry some day, but of this she is sure: "My husband will know how to dance," she says. That's because she loves to dance and intends her husband to be her partner.

One of her regular partners in ballroom dance class was her friend Ricardo — known to most as Ricco. Ricco says he was not a dancer but he learned ballroom dancing.

"People said I didn't have rhythm," he says. "But this class has made me more confident about this and the other kind of dancing."

Among five couples competing in the dance contest, Ricco and Tia placed third, each winning a \$30 discount on prom tickets.

Tia had begun to learn ballroom dancing from a friend who was a senior last year, so she was a step ahead of most other students.

Ricco was a step behind.

But he caught up, learning to twirl, spin and guide his partner with finesse. Sometimes he'd surprise himself when he mastered a move and a big grin would spread across his face.

He and classmate Britt Houze, 17, often encouraged one another as they caught on to new combinations or created their own. They laughed and high-fived with the joy more commonly seen between young men on a basketball court.

At the prom, as a tuxedo-clad Ricco guided Tia in a series of twirls,

she joked that he was a "dancer.

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New device, 'Babble,' offers voice privacy in your cubicle

KAREN KLAGES
CHICAGO TRIBUNE
In the 1980s, and Herman Miller took the dust out of corporate America with a radical idea — or architecture known as the "no-plan" furniture system, or "cubicles."

Now, some 40 years later, the Michigan-based office company is blazing new ground, this time in hopes of the biggest fable of all — the "no-plan" furniture system may enable communication, but also put people at odds from one another. From coworkers into cohabiters, like one big (sticky) family.

The problem: a lack of privacy, specifically: voice privacy.

Smooth, Sonare Technologies recently formed Herman Miller, planned to introduce a new called "Babble" to so architects, designers and trade professionals at the contract furniture major trade show, held annually in Chicago.

But the size of a clock radio, more forbidding to operate, a voice privacy device makes it possible for people to confidential telephone conversations in their cubicles — and overheard by their family of at least, not be heard in a way that is decipherable.

It works by complex computer technologies and a sophisticated algorithm.

But it was designed to be a simple desktop device. It is composed of a small main unit that attaches to a person's phone (via a jack) and two tiny speakers that get placed within the cubicle.

Unlike white noise or acoustic tiles, which dilute or dampen sound, Babble addresses the issue of privacy head on, by zeroing in on individual voices.

Sonare's target markets for Babble include the health-care industry (such as doctor's offices and admitting areas of hospitals);

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"It [Babble] randomizes your voice and sends your randomized voice out with your natural voice (that's speaking) and the combination of those voices is impossible to decipher."

Bill DeKruif, president, Sonare Technologies

chine turns your voice into a small group of people, each of whom has your voice.

"It works on the premise that the human brain tunes into single voices. We can't decipher multiple streams of information," said DeKruif, who is an electrical engineer by training with a master's degree in management and who spent a good portion of his career at Motorola and Dell Inc.

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law firms; research firms and any place where sensitive information is conveyed.

Home offices may not have been one of those key targets, but DeKruif said there has been "surprising" early interest from home-based businesses.

We asked for a demonstration of the device.

DeKruif sits on one side of a cubic partition in the Herman Miller showroom in The Merchandise Mart and starts reading a scripted set of sentences.

Every word is audible from the other side of the partition wall. Once he turns on the Babble machine, though, his voice stream turns into soft, bubbling crowd noise.

The concept "sounds interesting," said Mark Dzierski, senior vice president of design with Herbst Laza Bell, a prominent product design and development firm with offices in Chicago.

Dzierski had not seen or heard of Babble but said he is encouraged by anything that offers "localized privacy" without forcing the architecture (in offices) to revert to high walls and closed-up spaces.

"We need to encourage collaborative, open-space, interactive environments," Dzierski said. "That's the way you generate innovation and creativity."

Chicago designer Eva Maddox is more restrained.

"Can you imagine an office with all this babbling going on?" said Maddox, who has heard of the device but not tried it and believes the health-care industry might be the better fit for it, rather than the standard workplace.

"I'm always interested if adding another gadget is going to interfere with other people around you," Maddox said. "That would

be my question."

Babbie and Sonare Technologies emerged from the work of the Herman Miller Creative Office, which was founded about four years ago to investigate compatible business ventures. Sound management was identified as one of those businesses.

Jeff Specht, a mechanical engineer with Herman Miller and now the product manager for Babble, did the early development on Babble.

The technology was then refined by Applied Minds, a California-based research and design firm that specializes in high-tech, high-touch inventions.

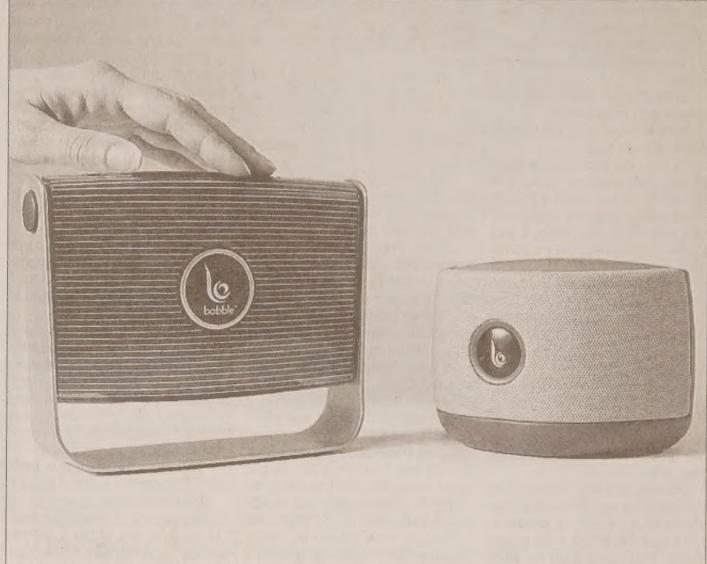
Co-founders Danny Hillis and Brian Ferren previously worked for Walt Disney Imagineering. Hillis is a noted computer scientist; Ferren is a Hollywood special-effects guru.

And back in Chicago, Insight Product Development, a product development consulting firm, did the

industrial design for the Babble unit and some initial consumer feedback.

DeKruif said this is just the first generation of Babble, which costs about \$400 a unit and will ship in the next few weeks.

Other models (including one that is not tethered to the telephone and is designed for more open spaces such as conference rooms) are in the works — as is a portfolio of other sound-management products from Sonare.



SONARE TECHNOLOGIES' BABBLE is a voice privacy device that makes it possible for people to have a confidential telephone conversation in their cubicles.

SONARE TECHNOLOGIES

Water workouts offer both resistance and support in toning up

RICHARD SEVEN
THE SEATTLE TIMES

WATER — Aquatic exercise has been popular with the aging rehabbing. Now that more women are often fitting both swims, pool workouts have moved into all kinds of classes, and regimens.

Spokeswoman for the Exercise Association, says aquatics has certified more than 100 instructors in the past year, and the rate has been increasing about 5 percent a year.

Two years ago, about 250,000 people were participating in regular fitness and/or therapy pro-

grams. It is magical in some respects much of the stress and pressure typically exert on the hips, knees, ankles and feet, which an intensity walkup before putting up about 12 times the resistance of air. It also keeps heart rates tend to be higher during water workouts, but studies

have shown that oxygen consumption is about the same.

The properties of water — resistance, buoyancy, support — help rehabilitate, invigorate, strengthen and burn calories. Because water puts constant resistance as you move through it, muscles are activated in sets, not isolation. You might find a few places that use underwater treadmills, which are wonderful for people nursing injuries and chronic medical conditions. You can do more than jog beneath the surface, though. You can do core work, cycle, practice tai chi or yoga and more.

A Seattle company, Aquarobics

at www.aquarobics.net, has been offering water-fitness classes for more than 30 years. And every health club with a pool has classes geared to different audiences and goals.

The Pro Sports Club in Seattle,

with its sprawling aquatic center, hosts everything from an hour-long cardiovascular workout using resistance equipment to a 50-minute

"Power Plunge" class that focuses on large movements of the complete body.

"Water workouts don't have the impact that land workouts do," said Linda Sovereign, a 16-year veteran of water aerobics instruction. "But that doesn't mean they are easy. They can be about as hard as you want to make them."

Many people, however, would rather work out alone, so they sample the instructional videos and products that wash over the market. WaterGym (www.watergym.com) offers a program titled "Weight Loss and Strengthening" that incorporates a video, CD and plastic-coated cue card. The program is done in deep water to fully engage your body, so the company also sells a flotation

belt to help participants achieve proper form and stay safe.

The depth of the water affects the intensity and direction of your workout. Immersed to your neck, you only bear about 10 percent of your body weight. If you are submerged to your waist, which is where most "shallow-water" workouts are done, you bear about half your body weight and keep feet on the ground most of the time.

Balance, as with any activity, is key. Carol Argo, a former aquatic association instructor of the year, says proper posture and body alignment are critical. Your head should remain over your shoulders and hips under your rib cage. Poor posture can lead to back and neck problems.

Argo (www.carolargo.com) pro-

says it's important to press through the entire foot.

Experts recommend wearing shoes when working in the shallow end of a pool and flotation belts when working in the deep. There are also foam dumbbells, barbells, ankle cuffs and resistance tubing for toning. Zura Sports produces webbed neoprene "hydro gloves" (\$15.95), which help with upper-body toning by increasing the resistance your arms and hands encounter as they move through the water.

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Living lean in a 'stuffaholic' world

BY PAMELA SHERROD
CHICAGO TRIBUNE

CHICAGO — It's not so much about stuff. It's about subtracting it when you have a minimalist take on life.

And guess what? Those who live lean think about stuff as much as "stuffaholics" do. Only they also think a lot about the "what" and the "why" of the things they have purposefully chosen.

In examining what it's like to live lean, it's important to put pre-conceived notions of the minimalist home away.

"Impossible to do with children."

"Minimalist style is naked and cold."

"One-channel thinking, obsessed with neatness."

Put this thinking in a drawer or closet. It's not true.

You can live this way and have a home that has soul, space and tranquility — even with a toddler with calypso music wriggling in her body from head to toe. It may not be for everyone, but it's something to think about.

When we stepped into the Prairie-style home of Glenn and Venna O'Brien, we wanted to see what lean living looked like — especially for them. They have a 2½-year-old daughter.

Remember: "Impossible with children."

Their daughter, Natalie, was eager to lead a tour of the house. The first stop, naturally, was her playroom.

"(Come) with me, Pam," she said walking on bare tippy-toes and looking over her shoulder to make sure the adults were in line. Natalie had come from an afternoon concert of calypso music. The music was still moving in her, especially her feet. She skipped, twirled and left a trail of giggles to follow her into the room.

The O'Briens are blessed with

space. They live in a 4,200-square-foot home. But they have chosen to leave much of it open and free.

It's perfect for Natalie as she twirls and skips across the hardwood floors of the family room and kitchen into the carpeted playroom.

Her toys and games are stored on shelves in the closet in this room. She goes in and out of the closet, chatting in her on-the-verge-of-talking way about her toys and games.

When she loses interest in the adults and a "Winnie the Pooh" video playing on the television, she concentrates on a wooden toy house.

"We don't feel the need to fill every inch of the house. This is what we really wanted," says Glenn, 46, who is a sales and marketing consultant. "We wanted space."

The O'Briens have been married four years. As single professionals they led busy lives and had their own condos.

When they got married and merged their lives, they wanted and needed help in getting control of their home and new life together.

So they called in a professional organizing service — Chicago-based *White Space*.

"I wasn't raised like this," says Venna O'Brien, founder and owner of *Venna Johnson Specialties*, a snack and candy brokerage company. "I was a little bit more about keeping treasures that might be something that my child might want some day. So I saved a lot of things. Glenn wasn't as much about that. Half of the things that I thought were treasures really weren't. There were things that I needed to let go. We downsized, donated and gave away a lot. It was hard to go through that process. But now I cannot remember what we gave away. I thought I would miss it. And I'm

surprised I don't."

The couple agrees the organization process took them through not only a physical process but also "mental process where all of a sudden you become mentally organized at home and how you proceed about your day."

"They worked with us in the beginning and set things up," says Venna, 42. "But it hasn't been about someone still coming in and doing it all for us."

"There are organizing systems in place and we follow them because it makes our lives so much easier," Glenn adds. "I tweaked my closet system to fit the way I do things, but it all works for us." The couple says they are motivated to keep their home on the lean side because it gives them the mental and physical space to enjoy each other and their family.

"For me, it's cleansing. I feel it is cleansing in a liberating way," Venna says. "We don't get caught up in all the stuff."

Similarly, it's impossible to get caught up in stuff at the Chicago home of Ken Des Jardins and Travis Hunerdosse. Here, there is peace and there is quiet.

For Des Jardins, 39, and Hunerdosse, 30, living lean in their small Victorian home is an extension of who they are. Although Hunerdosse claims he has to work at keeping the piles down, we wouldn't have noticed the small pile of magazines and catalogs on the floor next to the desk in their study if he hadn't pointed it out.

There are various ranges of stuffaholism on the stuff-o-meter. Des Jardins, one of the 5,450 respondents, described himself as being "lean and mean about it."

"My non-stuffaholism is an act of rebellion against my fill-every-available-space-with-something parents. To me, a sparse home is a tranquil home," he wrote. "It's exhausting for me to visit my parents because there's no place for my eyes to rest. Even the end tables have newspaper clippings, photographs and inspirational messages displayed under glass tabletops."

The first thing you notice about Des Jardins and Hunerdosse's home is how peaceful it looks,



THE O'BRIENS OF CHICAGO, II., have a 4,200-square-foot home that they have chosen much of open and free which is perfect for Natalie, 2.

E. JASON WAMBSGANS

Hunerdosse settles into a chair next to a bay window to read a book. The neighboring houses sit back a bit from the street, so his view from this perch is of lush trees and rooftops. Around him, you'll find furniture pieces that you would expect in most bedrooms. But in Hunerdosse and Des Jardins' home, all the surfaces are clear, save for a few sentimental favorites such as the small statue of Buddha that sits under the shade of a wooden lamp on a nightstand (a simple reminder of peace and tranquility), they say.

There are also two small pictures on the nightstand — one a framed black-and-white image of the steps leading to the gardens at the Palace of Versailles and the other an image of a watercolor painting of the inside of a cathedral (Des Jardins found the image on a trip to France).

"It all says peace to us," Des Jardins says. Their cat Cleo lends her feline grace to the corner of the bed. She rests on her haunches as still as the little Buddha on the nightstand. Her green gemstone eyes gaze through the doorway into the hall.

"It's nice when we come home from work. It's peaceful here," Des Jardins says.

A sculptural vase of white and pink tulips from their garden sits on the dining table, echoing the flowers in the nearby painting and making the room a study of tranquility and elegance.

The space is cozy, 1,800-square-feet total, and serene downstairs and up.

In a second-floor bedroom,

Peace — or is it from the hectic and commotion of Leans-and-More homes. Cynthia Olsen of Clean & Green is a firm that does commercial projects of this.

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Furniture

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masaranduba, an African wood.

"The clients own a beach house, and they were looking to bring more of that indoor/outdoor feeling to this one," said Amburn, who added some classic black wire Bertola chairs as a sculptural element. "They wanted it to be multifunctional. They wanted a place for lounging, for eating, and a nice place to look at when the weather is not so good."

Young or old, more home-owners are doing their research, retailers say, and they are increasingly

willing to pay the considerable prices top-quality outdoor furniture now.

A well-designed powder-coated aluminum dining set for six can start at about \$2,500 (optional cushions, at least \$60 each) and run as high as \$3,900 for a Woodard Landgrave set.

A single teak and synthetic-wicker lounge chair from Gloster retails for \$1,300 at Waterloo Gardens. And Barlow Tyrie, a venerable English maker of teak furniture, has found a best-seller in its 73-inch round teak table for eight that comes with eight chairs, a lazy Susan and an umbrella. The set costs more than \$10,000.

"Even people who have pur-

chased in the past what you might call disposable outdoor furniture are buying now for the long haul, and they're buying quality," said Christensen. "People are making real investments."

That's how Robert Dennenberg of Old City, Philadelphia, sees the 16 pieces from the Richard Schultz collection he recently bought from contemporary-furnishings store OLC. Coveted by modern-design connoisseurs, a single lounge chair in the line can run more than \$800.

"I like to look at nice things," said Dennenberg, who chose the pieces with his wife, Anneliese, for their penthouse terrace. "And Schultz's furniture is the best-made stuff around. It's lifetime furniture."

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Bring home to the beach

BY GARY DYMSKI

NEWSDAY

You go to the beach to get away from it all — but that doesn't mean you need to leave everything behind. You'll find all sorts of products that bring a hint of home to the beach.

Made by TUUCI, a Miami umbrella manufacturer, the portable Laguna Cabana is basically an umbrella with walls that shields beach-goers from the elements, offers privacy as a dressing room

and solitude for napping toddlers. The square-shaped cabana comes in three sizes — 5 1/2 to 7 1/2 feet — and starts at \$1,650 at barbecues.com.

"Shade products seem to be showing up more at the beach, and that's because of increased awareness to the dangers of overexposure to the sun," said Pat Bowling, director of communications for the North Carolina-based American Home Furnishings Alliance.

For dining, Guide Gear's wood roll-top table comes with a nylon carrying case and opens up to seat four. It's \$39.97 at SportsmansGuide.com. Wood folding stools are \$14.97 for a pair. Also easy to carry is Ikea's reclining beach mat, \$15.99.

And for fun on the sand, Bed Bath & Beyond has towels that do double duty as beach games. There's Twister (\$14.99) as well as checkers, ring toss and Candy Land (\$9.99 each.)

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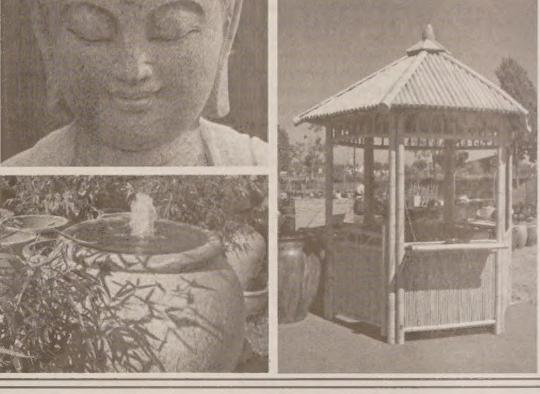
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Phoebe. The couple is expecting a baby in October, so the home has the feeling of movement and beginnings.

Plans are being made to paint the baby's room, but even with things moved around there is order about this home.

"I tend to think that physical minimalism that tends to do with design or environment could be different than a lifestyle or a metaphysical process," Olsen says. "I think you can have a very elaborate or encumbered life in the sense of the things that you do or the kinds of involvement you have socially, intel-

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SUNDAY JULY 10TH, 2005

12:00 - 1:30 Cooking Demo with Bay Cafe's Award Winning Chef Joey Altman	4:00 - 5:30 Special Request
1:30 - 3:30 Soul Inheritance	10:30 - 12:30 Dance Company
3:30 - 4:00 Corn Eating Contest	12:30 - 1:00 Dance Company
	3:00 - 3:30 Dance Company
	4:00 - 6:00 Mariachi Band

Admission: \$5 general (16+), \$2 youth (FREE 8 years & under), \$2 senior

Sponsors:



Lodge District

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Plan Book

Five Rivers